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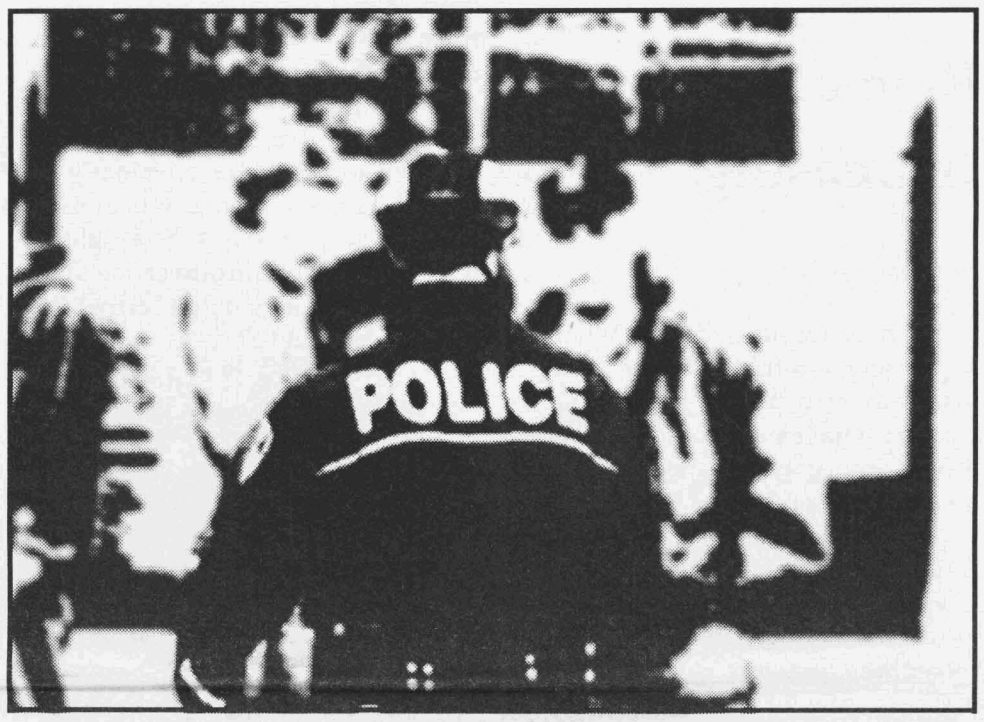

George Johnson

Police activity around the Bread & Roses Drop-In Center and Complimentary Kitchen has increased dramatically over the past couple of weeks. Like clockwork, hourly, bicycle and automobile patrols are systematically harassing and intimidating the clientele and sometimes even the staffmembers.

When asked by a B&R staffperson why the sudden "interest" in the clientele and their daily activities, one officer responded, quite typically, that they are "cracking down" on crime in the area; vagrancy, fighting, theft, and (of course) drugs. Drugs. Maybe the police should harass the area's bar clients as well, with alcohol being one of the most addictive and dangerous drugs known to the human race.

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Could it be that the poverty-stricken human element which tends to need the services provided by B&R are once again being victimized and discriminated against simply because they are part of a marginalized and largely ignored society? After all, the weather is getting nicer and everyone knows that means a general increase in downtown population: MORE SHOPPING. Not to mention the shiny new "brew pub" located half a block from B&R, with their product that is "too expensive to get blitzed on " (quoted from an interview with one of the pub's owners).

Could it be an intimidation tactic aimed at volunteers of the Olympia Aids Prevention Projects (their office being located inside the B&R Drop-In Center)? Even though the on-site needle exchange has been discontinued due to legal issues OAPP continues to offer the much needed service on a more anonymous, mobile basis. The police have been quoted as saying they would not initiate new manpower or tactics to apprehend the various OAPP volunteers, but police have been know to fib a little, on occasion.

Could it be that our tax paid protectors of peace have nothing better to do than pick on those less powerful than themselves, as proven so often in the past and in many, many different geographical locations and social settings?

In any case it is highly recommended that people everywhere take it upon themselves to witness police activity, no matter what the situation. Don't be scared by trained intimidation tactics and egos run amok. If you see a cop harassing someone based obviously on their physical appearance or location, simply stop and watch what's going on. Let them know how you feel, get their name and badge number. Right now the obvious poor, the homeless, the immigrant minority are the targets, but that could change so easily. "We're just doing our job" was another response from a local beat officer; there was another group of folks, oh back in the 30s and 40s, who used to say the very same thing" they wore uniforms with two black S's on the arms and swore allegiance to the swastika...totalitarian fascist oppression has to start somewhere... ◆

Prison Reality From the Inside Out

Dan Pens

Editorial Note: Works In Progress *is pleased to present, in it's sixth anniversary issue, a new columnist. Dan Pens is currently a Co-editor of the Prison Legal News, a nationally recognized publication from Monroe, Washington. He combines personal honesty with well structured arguments to create an engaging perspective that may challenge all* WIP *readers. We are delighted that he has accepted our invitation.*

My name is Dan Pens. I'm 40 years old. Since 1981 I have been a Washington State prisoner.

I am also a writer, journalist, editor, and an ardent apprentice to anybody who struggles to design and implement a just and equitable society. I think people are more important than profits.

I am a wonderful husband and am blessed to share an intimate, honest, and exuberant marriage with my wife of six years.

I am often playful and quick to laugh. At times I can be somber, reflective, and prone to cynicism.

There are days, however, when I am imbued with optimism. I cherish these moments, for to abandon optimism is to surrender hope, and I am unwilling to live without hope for a better world.

In short, I am a person. I have dreams, passions, and yearnings which are uniquely my own, but perhaps not so different from yours.

Does it surprise you to experience some discomfort when you simultaneously hold these two thoughts in your mind: that I am a "prisoner" and that I am a person not so different from one of your friends or neighbors? Don't worry about it.

Prisoners are the last great unexplored territory on the frontiers of xenophobia, secluded behind the Iron Curtain of the Cold War of the nineties: America's War on Drugs and crime.

Prisoners are the last great unex-

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Womens Health Clinic Needs Volunteers

Greetings from the front lines.

It is very quiet for now at the Eastside Womens' Health clinic on Thursdays, and we are very grateful. Since the Defense Committee's presentation to the Olympia City Council asking for a buffer zone ordinance and the resulting publicity, the picketers have reduced their rhetoric to "please let us help you."

We still need additional volunteers to be clinic defenders on Thursdays though. On-the-job training will be provided. We always work in pairs. Introduce yourself to the picket captain and you will be paired up with someone else who is experienced. There is great camaraderie among the among the defenders and you will find it to be a rewarding experience. If you have time to help between 9 am and 3 pm please call the clinic at 943-5127 and someone will contact you with further details, or get on the Call List via the Nowline (943-3126) as long as you leave your name, number and that you are calling about escorting.

Larry Garrett has offered to lead a class in better videotaping by defenders. To join call 754-0978.

LETTERS

Olympian Loses Letter, Twice

Dear WIP Readers:

The following is a letter to the editor of the Olympian. I sent it in three times. My follow-up calls on the first two resulted in the statement that they must of been lost or misdelivered. The third time, Mike Oakland said it was too late to print something responding to their paper from months before. I don't know what to think — maybe you can come up with a reason.

Dear [Olympian] Editor:

I was appalled by the front-page Lifestyle article profiling women who smoke cigars (Feb. 3). The fancy photo from Gannett News suggests that the article was not an isolated local feature but one with national exposure. It is in reality nothing more than free advertising for the tobacco industry. Gannett, as the biggest paper conglomerate with approximately 90 dailies, reaches millions of readers.

In reaction to Clinton's recent State of the Union declaration about drawing the line at tobacco advertising aimed at youth, Gannett announced itself to the tobacco industry that it is still open to tobacco advertising — reaffirming their commitment to their advertisers. Tobacco companies spend more than $3 billion on advertising and public relations initiatives annually.

It was advertising that money couldn't buy because it even skirted the Surgeon General's Warning. If Gannett cared about the health of their readership, the article should have contained information that lung cancer is among the group of cancers with the lowest survival rate, and women are twice as likely to get it as men.

Since 1987, lung cancer surpassed breast cancer as the leading cancer killer of women. The number of women dying of lung cancer has increased over 500% since the 60s. In 1967, cigarette brands aimed specifically at women were introduced and have been and continue to be heavily advertised.

Tobacco kills more people each year than alcohol, guns, AIDS, automobiles, and airplane accidents combined. Approximately, 418,000 active smokers and 65,000 passive smokers die annually. Information like this should be the subject of continual national front page articles.

Pat Tassoni

Rate of Poverty Increasing

Dear Friend:

It is hard for me to believe what is happening to millions of elderly and disadvantaged people in this country. Many have no place to live, very little, if any, money, inadequate food, no jobs, and no future. How would you like to be one of these people? It is certainly something to think about.

What causes these tragic inequities in our society? What can *you* do to solve these problems? Obviously, all of us can do much more than we are doing. But, first of all we have to *Care About Others.*

Money is always available for a lot of wasteful spending. Why not spend it for humanitarian causes for a change?

Sincerely yours,
George Riffero

Responding to Sarah Light

Dear Ms. Light:

You asked for opinions of the description of Dr. Kevorkian as a "serial crip killer." Here's mine:

Baloney. Hogwash. Nonsense. A crock. It sounds like Mr. Dart and *Foot-In-**Mouth*** magazine are suffering paranoid delusions.

Dr. Kevorkian's patients have been terminally ill individuals who wished to end their lives on their own terms. He didn't seek them out. *They chose him.*

The medical profession tries to convince us that anything and everything must be done to keep the body alive, as if death were an enemy to be defeated. More and more of us are seeing through that misguided notion. We believe that the terminally ill should have some control over their death. It seems to us to be a right as fundamental as control over one's life. And isn't that a goal that "crips" are striving to achieve?

Sincerely,
Tom Boyle

May AARP Meeting

May 20, 10 a.m.
Twin County Credit Union

On May 20, Nick Handy, Port Commissioner, will speak to the Capitol Chapter #803 of AARP on his vision of the Port of Olympia's future. Does it, in fact, have a future? Will it become self-sustaining or will it continue to depend in part on public financial support?

The meeting, which is open to the public, will begin at 10:00 a.m. at the Twin County Credit Union Building located at 2400 Evergreen Park Drive SW in Olympia near the Holiday Inn Select (formerly the Westwater Inn.) Contact Don Shoemaker, 438-3864, for more information.

AARP is an organization devoted to romoting the well-being of mid-life and senior citizens aged 50 or more.

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Friday, May 24

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UPDATES & BRIEFS

A Non-violent Struggle for Tibet

Dennis Harrison

Tampa Bay Peace Watch, FL: The Pinellas Classroom Teachers Association has accepted the resolution to recommend to its members that the Chinese government owned and operated theme park "Splendid China" not be used for educational or personal purposes. This recommendation is consistent with our teacher association's commitment to teaching and supporting non-violence, justice and truth. This theme park portrays the Potala, in Lhasa, the capital of Tibet, as a prized Chinese landmark.

China invaded the sovereign nation of Tibet in 1949 and since that

time an estimated 1.3 million Tibetans have been killed. In addition, the Chinese have transferred more than 7 million of their own people into occupied Tibet in violation of the Geneva Convention. Tibetans are now a minority in their own country and China is on schedule in, its timetable to make Tibet disappear. In the genocide of a peaceful people there are not two sides, there is no argument.

Historically, Tibet is recognized as a culture of non-violence. Through all of this horror, the Tibetan people have remained steadfastly non-violent and they and their leader, the Dali Lama, were awarded the Nobel Prize for Peace.

Members of our Congress, the United Nations and leaders around the world have recognized the Tibetan people's resistance as possibly the greatest non-violent struggle in the history of humanity. Tibet has not asked for military aid. They have only asked that they not be forgotten and that any form of support begin with thoughts and acts of compassion for ourselves and the Chinese. Amazingly, no one has demonstrated more compassion for the Chinese than the Tibetan people themselves. They are a people who believe that compassion is better than violence; love is stronger than hate.

Throughout the United States our young people are taught about the Holocaust and the importance of universal responsibility and standing against injustice. The Chinese are a wonderful people but what the Chinese government is doing to Tibet is a tragedy. As with all countries of the world, our students must be taught Chinese history and culture if they are to be prepared to live and compete in a global economy. This work can be done without lending support by our presence and our dollars to a government owned theme park which does not teach the truth.

If we want our young people to accept non-violent conflict resolution as a way of life, we as educators and as parents must practice, demonstrate and champion its cause every opportunity we have. It is right and appropriate for educational associations and all people of conscience to support the nonviolent struggle of Tibet. I am requesting that the PCTA resolution regarding the issue of Tibet and the educational inappropriateness of the Chinese theme park "Splendid China" be considered for presentation to the State Education Association Conference. For more information, please do not hesitate to contact me. Dennis Harrison, Ed.S., 15804 2 Street E, Redington Beach, FL 33708. Phone: home 813-393-6285 or work 538-7167 x1080.

To get involved in this issue locally write your school board members about not allowing field trips to Splendid China. Don't attend yourself.

On a national level contact John Ackerly at the International Campaign for Tibet, 1735 I Street NW suite 615, Washington, DC 20006, Phone 202

785-1515.

Sarajevo Diary

Linda Beekman

The siege of Sarajevo has ended but devastation continues to shape the lives of the survivors.

I left Tampa on Tuesday, February 27, unclear about how I would travel to Sarajevo. An overnight plane to Milan, an afternoon train to Ancona and overnight ferry delivered me to Split early Thursday morning. I pulled my 150 lbs. of luggage across the street to the bus station and realized the siege of Sarajevo was over when I found a Split-Sarajevo bus ready to depart. Only a few months ago this service did not exist. I paid the 55DM (about $35) plus 15DM to check the luggage and was off on my first journey to Sarajevo without U.N. documents.

The eight hour trip was uneventful except for some minor harassment from the Federation customs who made a man pay 55DM duty on some cooking pots. The bus journey was depressing; the same burned out abandoned homes I saw last fall.

Sarajevo was equally depressing. With the threat of shells and snipers gone, one has time to look around and access the damage and ask, "Why?"

I visited Mirza and Hurmija at the paraplegic clinic. Hurmija and her mother and two sisters will be taken to England soon. Mirza seemed to be in better spirits; he now has a wheelchair that can be used for sports. Renata's husband hopes to be released from the army in April and join her soon.

Because of the generosity of people from eighteen states, the Sarajevo Project provided $1000 for children at the Bjelave refugee center. Also, $1000 was donated to those teachers at the music school who worked without salary during the war, keeping the school open. The orphanage received $576 from the San Jose Peace Center, delivered by the Sarajevo Project. Children's dance supplies valued at $2000, a clarinet and a drum were delivered to the music school and one hundred packets of pencils, socks, magic markers, stickers, Valentine cards and tights were given to children at the Bjelave center. The Children's Dental Clinic also received supplies including dental journals.

The beginning of an ongoing project has been started in Sarajevo. The Sarajevo Project is providing funds for Saturday dance lessons for the children at the Bjelave refugee center. While there is more food, electricity, gas and sometimes water now in the city, life for refugee children remains bleak. I hope to be able to add other classes such as art and English lessons.

There is a great need at the Children's Dental Clinic for a preventative outreach program. Funding this project will give us an opportunity to provide hundreds of children with a better chance for good health. Your gift of $10 will provide dental screening, hygiene education and treatment for one child for a year. Please support this project for one or more child.

We will soon enter the fourth year of our work in Bosnia. Much of our previous support enabled people to survive. Now we have the opportunity to help rebuild lives and spirits. Your support is important. Many thanks.

The Sarajevo Project: A project of the Tampa Bay Peace Education Program and the St. Petersburg Religious Society of Friends 130 19th Avenue Southeast St. Petersburg, FL 33705-2810 Tel/Fax (813) 531-3401.

Wholesome & Hearty Foods Tied to NORPAC Boycott Steinfeld's, FLAV-R-PAC, Santium, and now Gardenburger!

PCUN

Pineros y Campensinos Unidos del Noroeste (PCUN) calls on all farmworker supporters to boycott Wholesome & Hearty Foods (WHF) because they refuse to replace NORPAC Sales as WHF's exclusive distributor to club warehouses.

Just as last summer's Tenth Anniversary Organizing Campaign upped the ante on Willamette Valley growers — including many NORPAC farms, the boycott of WHF intensifies the pressure on NORPAC. This growing season, workers at many of these ranches are expanding their demands to include breaks and overtime pay. Farmworkers are the only major segment of labor still exempted from laws requiring breaks. Only sustained economic pressure in the fields and the marketplace will bring growers to the negotiating table!

On January 20th, we wrote WHF to alert them to our NORPAC boycott and asked WHF founder Paul Wenner for a written commitment to sever ties with NORPAC in the near future. So far, WHF has refused to take or even discuss any such action. They also decline to cite any reason for continuing distribution through NORPAC Sales. NORPAC Sales is the sole sales agent for NORPAC products. The revenues NORPAC Sales earn from WHF and from other companies subsidize the distribution costs of NORPAC products and increase profits to NORPAC's 250 grower-owners.

Reed College students got the boycott off to a start by refusing 300 GardenBurgers donated for their environmental action conference.

How You Can Help

- Don't buy any of these WHF products:

GardenBurger	GardenVegan
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GardenSteak	GardenVeggie
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- Contact store and restaurant management and ask them to stop offering WHF products.
- Tell friends and family to boycott WHF.
- Write, Fax, or Call WHF

Tell Wholesome & Hearty Foods

1. That you have enjoyed WHF products (if you have.) Tell them how much product you've bought.
2. That you support PCUN's boycott of NORPAC because the growers refuse to negotiate with their workers about better working and living conditions.
3. That you believe that socially responsible companies should not do business with NORPAC.
4. That you want WHF to stop distributing through NORPAC Sales and will boycott WHF products until they do so.
5. That you know others who buy WHF products and will encourage them to join the boycott.

Contact:

Charles Monahan, Sales & Retail VP
Wholesome & Hearty Foods
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Portland, OR 97214
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Along the Color Line

Class Warfare in America

Dr. Manning Marable

A half century ago, at the end of World War II, American unions and capital reached an agreement about the future of labor relations. The union movement essentially agreed to expel radicals and Communists from its ranks, and to limit strikes and militant actions. In return, the corporations shared their profits in the form of higher wages and benefits. By the early 1970s, American workers enjoyed the highest living standard in the world. As AFL-CIO president George Meany declared, "We believe in the American profit system."

But as global competition increased, capitalists cut costs, lowering wages and firing workers. Millions of jobs were shipped abroad to exploit low wage, nonunionized labor. In many factories, occupational safety standards deteriorated, and employees lost many of their health benefits and pensions. But most unions had collaborated with the bosses for so long, they were unable to mount a counteroffensive against the corporations.

When President Reagan smashed the air traffic controllers' union during its 1981 strike, it sent a clear message to the corporations that union busting was on the immediate agenda. By 1987, nearly three-fourths of all contracts that covered one thousand or more workers included wage concessions. Approximately two hundred thousand workers became nonunion due to decertification elections in the 1980s. By the end of the decade, union membership declined to 16 percent of the American labor force. Workers lacked an effective, progressive labor movement which could fight for higher living standards.

But perhaps the major reason that millions of American workers feel betrayed is the widespread wave of corporate layoffs. In the 1990s, as Wall Street stocks reached all-time highs and corporate profits soared, millions of workers were thrown out of work.

In December, 1991, General Motors announced that it was firing seventy-four thousand workers. Barely one year later, Sears, Roebuck and Company, fired fifty thousand employees. Soon other corporations began to fire thousands of workers to improve their profitability.

In 1993, Boeing dismissed twenty-eight thousand workers, Philip Morris cut fourteen thousand, and IBM slashed sixty thousand jobs. The next year, Delta Air Lines announced fifteen thousand layoffs, NYNEX cut sixteen thousand eight hundred jobs, and Scott Paper fired more than one-third of its total work force, over eleven thousand people. This January, AT&T Chief Executive Officer Robert Allen announced that his corporation was firing forty thousand employees. Coincidentally, Allen's annual salary at AT&T was 3.3 million dollars.

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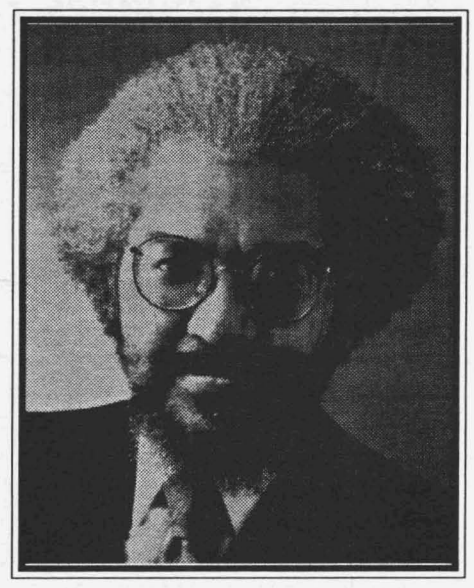
Who can expect American workers to feel any loyalty to companies that only are concerned about profits and not people? Corporate executives pay themselves millions of dollars in salaries, fringe benefits, bonuses and stock options, while millions are losing their jobs. For example, in 1975 the average chief executive officer of a corporation received about forty times the salary of an average worker. Today that ratio has jumped to **190 times as much.** The typical CEO of America's 100 largest corporations receive about $900,000 in annual salary, and $3.5 million in overall compensation.

We need governmental policies which create jobs and promote income growth for working people. One essential step toward that goal is the reallocation of government expenditures from wasteful military spending into the social and economic infrastructure that makes productivity possible. We urgently need to make massive public investments in housing, streets, highways, railroads, bridges, hospitals and clinics, public schools and universities to create new jobs. The noted scholar Seymour Melman, chairperson of the National Commission for Economic Conversion and Disarmament, observes that 750,000 additional jobs would be created "if $165 billion were transferred from the military to education, transportation, environment, housing, etc. If an additional annual $80 billion, raised by restoring 1980 tax levels on the superrich, were spent on conversion, an additional 2.5 million jobs could be created." It is time that we placed the welfare of working people and their families ahead of the corporations, the powerful and the privileged.



Dr. Manning Marable is Professor of History and Director of the Institute for Research in African-American Studies, Columbia University, New York City. "Along the Color Line" appears in over 275 newspapers across the US and internationally. ◆

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Hidden Disabilities, Different Learning Abilities

Let's All Learn and Prioritize Kindness as the Norm

Mary Dreyer

People that have different learning abilities go unnoticed in public school, homes and society still. They don't even know they have a disability. The thing that is really tragic is the loss of their abilities. Great talented kids are being less than what they can be.

They learn when raising themselves at an early age to take the easiest way to survive and become emotionally underdeveloped: internalized self hate, lacking self esteem. This results in feeling insignificant in the world.

The frustration mounts, lacking the ability to learn to be patient with one's self, knowing one is so insignificant. Learning in first grade that you're just stupid. Being told this everyday at school and at home, not always mentioned in words, but in the actions.

I was different and this angered my first grade teacher. Not a good start for my education. I couldn't sit still for seven hours a day. I was put in a dark closet, told I was retarded. It was the start of a grim education that taught me at an early age that people were mean.

How can children learn respect or patience when there's not the people power to educate for all the learning abilities. This society takes the position that if you don't conform or mold to this standard or you can't learn at their pace, you go to prison or live on the streets. This is the image I get of our school system, it doesn't give opportunity to kids that are more challenged or lower income.

All kids are smart. They figure out what's up really fast. Faster than what they themselves can really understand. Totally. The school system still teach kids "You're a failure if you can't keep up with others." This happens even in college and community colleges, based on the grade system. It should be based on the individual progress they are making.

I graduated from Off Campus School where I learned the importance of differences and the respect of everyone's' opinions. I was at North Thurston High School before where I learned how to escape school, use drugs, disrespect differences, destroy, control abuse, victimize and hate school.

My parents kicked me out of their house. I was dying on the streets from drugs and alcohol. Had almost died several times. My family didn't care about me, they didn't know how to deal with because I was so out of control. My family had been falling apart for some time. I felt they were out of control, too. I was reflecting what I felt was happening, I was their mirror. They blamed me for their problems.

The teaching is really very harmful in a lot of cases for people who have disabilities. The people are control freaks that work around special ed kids. We are most of us geniuses that have been harmed by not letting us grow and develop what we are good at. Instead we are looked down on and even treated like shit so they don't even want to work closely with us because we're treated like little children, the very thing that triggers a lot of anger in those tired of being brainwashed. Yes, we can be a difficult stubborn people. But I believe anyone would be after years of their being treated as if something's wrong with you, when you're being taught things that don't work for you. Kind of like the very people that like to become counselors, they work with people that have disabilities when these people have a lot of work to do on themselves.

We all have a lot of learning to do. We all need to go back to school, and learn some good social skills and learn how to respect differences and to learn that our economic status doesn't make you better then someone less privileged.

Please learn some respect for those different from you. Everyone comprehends differently and thinks differently and this is okay.

Next time you start scapegoating someone being different from the norm, ask yourself what's up with you.

Editor's Note: Most people have learning disabilities though they may not recognize them as such. We readily agree that difficulty in interpreting the written word is a learning disability, but there would be disagreement concerning a person who is unable to draw very well. The difference is the societal attitude or values placed on the importance of abilities. If you can't read and write, you didn't try hard enough, if you have trouble paying attention, you're lazy or willful. And we treat the person accordingly. ◆

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Silenced by the City Council

Emma Hendrickson

On April 2nd, I watched the Olympia City Council meeting on Channel 3. During the portion when the Council was taking public testimony, a man rose to testify and upon reaching the microphone, Mayor Bob Jacobs abruptly stopped him with the following comment:

"Mr. Reeves, I have to ask you not to testify this evening for two reasons. When you were here last time, I asked you not to come back for at least two months. It will not be two months until this Friday, I keep track of these things. Secondly, I asked you not to speak to us again until you had a private conference with me about what is appropriate testimony. So I asked you to do those two things, wait until the two months is up and speak with me before you attempt to testify again on open mike."

It was troubling for me to understand what this man could have done to be treated in such a fashion. I have heard him speak before, and whether I agreed with him or not, I have witnessed nothing that would cause my disrespect for him as a fellow citizen and human being. The reaction I observed in Mayor Jacobs leaves me with concerns that :

1. The testimony of citizens are being valued based on the biases of Council members,

2. Citizens' access to provide testimony is being limited by these biases,

3. Deterence is used to limit unwanted citizen input,

4. Council behavior toward citizens is uneven, and at it's worst, condescending, and

5. Citizens will, or already have, become wary of approaching this city council with their concerns.

I do believe that most of the city council members would agree that the presentation of citizens' comments are invaluable in aiding them in their work. Therefore, it would be to their benefit to reevaluate their philosophy and policies regarding public testimony. I ask the City Council to understand that it is important for *all* members of the Olympia community to have the ability to speak in safety, *and* to have their words considered and respected. ◆

I have heard him speak before, and whether I agreed with him or not, I have witnessed nothing that would cause my disrespect for him as a fellow citizen and human being.

CITIZEN RIGHTS

Whistleblower Protection

Federal Acts provide protection from discharge or other discriminatory actions by employers in retaliation for employees' good faith complaints about safety and health hazards in the workplace. The Acts cover all private sector employers.

The employee protection provisions of these Acts prohibit employers from discharging or otherwise discriminating against employees in retaliation for their disclosure of safety and health hazards to the employer or to the appropriate federal agency. They also protect employee participation in formal government proceedings in connection with safety and health hazards. The Acts specifically exclude from protection the disclosure of hazards deliberately caused by an employee. Additionally, the statutes do not protect "frivolous" complaints. Employees have the right under the Acts to refuse to work in hazardous or unsafe situations.

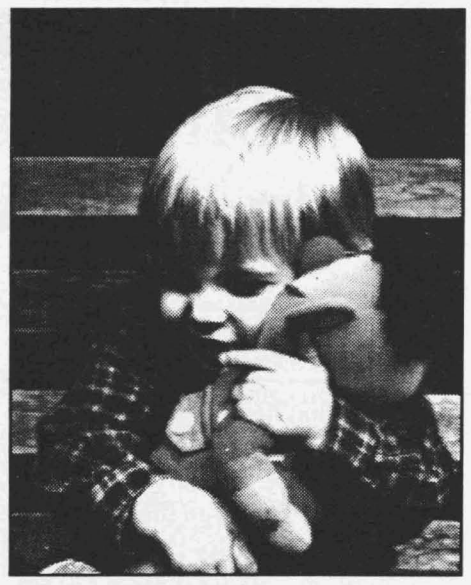
Employees who believe they have been discriminated against in violation of these protective provisions may file a complaint, within 30 days of the alleged violation, with the Employment Standards Administration's Wage and Hour Division: US Dept. of Labor, 1111 3rd Ave., S. 600 Seattle, WA 98101 (206) 553-1914.

Upon receipt of a complaint, the Wage and Hour Division conducts an investigation to determine whether a violation has occurred. When a violation has occurred, the employer is notified of the violation determination and efforts are made to conciliate the situation. The employer may appeal a violation determination to an administrative law judge, if done within five calendar days of the notification of the determination. The administrative law judge's decision is referred to the Secretary of Labor for a final order. The Secretary may affirm or set aside the administrative law judge's decision. Where the Secretary concluded that a violation has occurred, his/her final order may instruct the employer to take affirmative action to abate the violation and provide for appropriate relief, which may include restoration of back pay, employment status and benefits. The Secretary may also order the employer to provide compensatory damages to the employee. If dissatisfied with the Secretary's decision, the employer may appeal in federal court. Final determinations on violations are enforceable through the courts. The employee is entitled to similar appeal rights under the Acts.

The current whistleblower programs do not preempt existing state statutes and common law claims. All provisions contained in the programs are in addition to protection provided by state laws.

More detailed information, including copies of explanatory brochures and regulatory and interpretative materials, may be obtained by contacting the office listed above.

A Case of Domestic Violence, Sexual Abuse and the Children's Safety



Mom in Need

Editorial note: The following article is written by a woman who was forced to unlawfully leave Washington State in order to protect her infant from an abusive husband. Her trial is during the week of April 29th at the Thurston County Courthouse. We encourage you to attend and give your support.

Immediately after our '93 wedding in Calif., my second husband "changed." He began manipulative emotional abuse and control of myself and my children (from my first marriage). Physical abuse of my children soon followed. I later discovered overwhelming evidence that he sexually abused one of my sons. As so frequently happens, this evidence was discounted because it was brought out within the divorce action I had filed as a result of the abuse.

After 7 months of marriage, I packed up my children and left my husband. I was 5 months pregnant with his child. We left behind our possessions, friends, and our own home and acreage that I had built while I was single. I drove my children and I to an out of state shelter to be near some close friends and benefit from a cheaper economy.

Once there, it looked unlikely that we would find housing. When my husband obtained the shelter phone number and threatened to follow us there, I took my family back to a more familiar Northwestern state and settled in a small town.

We met stringent eligibility requirements and were enrolled in the State Address Confidentiality Program for domestic violence victims. I filed for restraining orders and divorce in May '94. My baby was born in Jun. '94. By Aug. '94, we began a lengthy custody battle and the court appointed a Guardian ad Litem to our case to investigate for the baby's best interest. I did all I could to cooperate with my husband's supervised visitations with the baby, including driving 4 hours each way twice per week to maintain the safety of our confidential home address.

The investigation included about an hour interview with me and extensive ongoing contact with my husband. All of my husband's references were contacted, but *none* of my friends were. Interviews of my children who *were the victims of abuse* were *refused*. My *husband's children were* listed as references.

A few credentialed professionals spoke to the investigator on my behalf. I was informed that they heard a definite unfair bias against me and that their conversations were misconstrued and incorrectly reported. Written statements by my children, their counselors, schoolteachers, case notes by shelter staff, and incriminating hand-written letters by my husband himself, were all disregarded.

I have been accused of mental unfitness, despite declarations of 4 credentialed professionals contradicting this. There were no court recommendations for psychological testing of my husband and myself. An Anger Assessment of my husband *was* requested and completed. He was assessed as having anger, abusive behavior, and power/control issues. It was recommended that he complete a group treatment program, take parenting classes, have supervised visitations, and that our protection from him be maintained. These recommendations were not carried out.

Instead, my husband was granted *unsupervised, liberal* visitation with our little baby, our protection orders were *terminated*, and we were required to provide him with our home address and phone number. I was threatened that he'd get full residential custody of our baby. I was afraid that all my children would be further abused by my husband.

- ***I packed up my children while pregnant with his child, and left my second husband because he abused my children.***
- ***I filed for protection orders, divorce, and after the baby was born, for custody.***
- ***Our protection orders were terminated, my husband got liberal unserpervised visitation, and I was threatened he'd get custody.***
- ***I tried to protect my children on my own.***
- ***My husband took ful physical and legal custody of my nursing baby.***

After my attempts to appeal were denied in Jun. '95, I fled the state's jurisdiction with my children in efforts to protect them on my own.

By Aug. '95, while far from court and from my husband, one of my sons did disclose sexual abuse by my husband. He drew a graphic illustration of the sexual abuse and made a statement describing it. He has displayed all the typical symptoms and traits of a sexually abused child.

In Sept. '95, I was arrested on a Parental Interference charge. My 15 month old *nursing* baby was removed from my care and given to my husband, whom he was virtually unfamiliar with. He was taken without any of his own toys, clothing, or blankets for comfort. He has been psychologically and emotionally damaged by this abrupt separation from his mother and siblings whom he had bonded with and always lived with. He was not allowed to see us or hear from us for months. My husband was given FULL PHYSICAL AND LEGAL CUSTODY of the baby.

After the baby was taken from our family, I drove my other children and I back to the state I first fled to for sanctuary, to answer to the charges against me. I was detained there until late Nov. '95. I then drove the children to Calif., obtained a home, and we settled into our new school and church community, so we could be near the baby.

In Nov. '95, my son went to the appropriate Calif. law enforcement agency to follow through with the reports. Because of the ongoing custody battle and our consequential position, they did not believe my son. Since that experience, my son now will not talk about the sexual abuse and he has been extremely disturbed. He is currently going to therapy.

I am still working to resolve the charges against me for fleeing the state's jurisdiction. The criminal statute I was charged with provides a complete defense when the purpose in fleeing was for protection, the belief in the existence of imminent harm was reasonable, and legal assistance was sought prior to the act.

My baby is now 21 months old and there are no provisions for him to have a healthy relationship with me as his mother. My husband agrees to allow us only two-hour weekly visits in a supervised setting. I am working to transfer our custody matter to Calif. where we are all living. My goal is to obtain a fair investigation to provide protection for all my children. This entails raising not only attorney and court fees, but also funds for psychological evaluations, sexual abuse assessments, investigations, and expert and relevant witnesses, for *both* my legal cases to assure my children are protected.

I cannot afford these attorney fees and related costs which will extend well into the thousands. It is incredible that the legal system allows a fair battle for justice in the best interest of the physical safety and emotional health of innocent children to rest upon the protective parent's monetary resources. I have lost all my assets. My husband owns a business and appears to have unlimited resources. It is very difficult for me to ask and obtain outside help for our personal tragedy, and yet the seriousness of my children's safety cuts through all pride that I might normally possess.

Please extend your help and support in *any way that you can*. Whether you can express your support in terms of prayers, letters of encouragement, statements of my good character, deposition of pertinent evidence for the case, accommodations for witnesses during court, child-care arrangements during court, donation of an automobile or salable item, or ANY financial contribution to help defray the costs, ...any gesture of support will be greatly appreciated. Please feel free to make copies of my story to share with anyone that may be sympathetic to the cause and able to be of some help.

All donations are tax deductible and can made out and mailed to the following non-profit organization:

Child Abuse Forensic Institute, P.O. Box 6403, Napa CA 94581, *marked for Case 00215 Expenses.*

If you have questions you can contact me through an AT&T telephone line at "0-700-210-4206." Thank you very much for your support, may you be blessed, and I hope you never have an experience such as this in your life, or close to you. ◆

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plored territory on the frontiers of xenophobia, secluded behind the Iron Curtain of the Cold War of the nineties: America's War on Drugs and crime.

It wouldn't surprise me if you said that when you think of prisoners you shudder with fear, hatred, or revulsion. After all, I used to feel the same way. That changed, though, in 1981.

One of the most memorable and stressful days of my life was the day the sheriffs packed me in a van and steered it in the direction of... of... hell? In a few hours I knew I would pass through the gates of the prison. I struggled to grasp the frightening enormity of that thought.

I imagined cringing in my cell, waiting for the attack that would surely come. How would I deal with it? Would I be able to defend myself from the nasty brutes? Could I find it necessary to kill one of them? Could I even do that? These are the thoughts that raced through my mind as the van drew ever closer to the spectre of prison that haunted my imagination.

When I got there they put me in the "fish tank," a segregated unit away from the main prison population where all of the newbies spend their first few weeks. It wasn't the house of horrors I expected, but then it was only the fish tank. Surely hell would be unleashed when they threw me into the larger cesspool of the main prison. That day came. Without mercy they tossed me to the wolves.

Packing my meager possessions, I trundled off to the cell block where I would live. Mine was the fifteenth cage in a row of forty. It was on the third tier of cages stacked one atop another four tiers high. The door slid shut behind me. As I unpacked my belongings, I wondered how long it would be before one of them tried to kill me.

But nothing even remotely like that ever happened. I can't remember how long it took for my intense fear to fade to wariness (and eventually to boredom), but it didn't take long.

As the years rolled by I began to involve myself with the programs and activities offered in the prison. I attended workshops on non-violence, various self-help seminars, and joined the "Lifers Club" which meets weekly on Monday nights.

Thank God for these programs. Almost all of these activities and programs include participation of community volunteers. Some of these people have been coming to the prison for years, even decades. They bring a piece of the community in with them.

Occasionally a new volunteer would come in, one who had never seen the inside of a prison before. We always enjoyed watching these wide-eyed "newbies" from the community walk into the room on their first Monday night. Invariably they would bring with them the same stereotyped preconception of what "prison" is like. By the end of an evening's activities, though, they'd say it. We prisoners would sometimes have to suppress a smile when we knew it was coming — The Statement. There are minor variations of The Statement, but it usually comes out something pretty much like, "Gee, you know I was kind of afraid to come into a prison and all, but... but...you guys are just like regular people!"

We'd grin and say, "Yep, that's really something, ain't it?" Each of us, no doubt, remembering when we were newbies, too.

I tell you, I've heard The Statement from the mouths of countless newbies from the community over the years. They come back to the prison for a second and third time and say something like, "You know? All of my friends think I'm crazy to be coming here. None of them understands what it's like in prison. I have to explain to them that you're not a bunch of monsters. It's really hard to convince them that I'm not out of my mind, that you guys are actually decent people and fun to visit with."

I am reminded of the Cold War of the fifties and sixties. I remember how a few brave, adventurous Americans ventured behind the Iron Curtain to see life in Russia for themselves. Invariably they would return to the U.S. and say something like, "Gee, you know I was kind of afraid to go to Russia, but you know... the people were all very nice. They seemed just like regular people!"

Of course, the rest of us God-fearing Americans would look at these travellers with pity (or hatred) for they had obviously been duped by the Russians (or were in cahoots with them).

So now you know the great secret about the Cold War of the nineties. Maybe you'll have the opportunity to venture into a prison someday (hopefully not chauffeured by the county sheriffs!) and perhaps you'll take advantage of that opportunity. I hope I haven't spoiled the surprise for you.

But the point of this column is not to prepare you for a visit to the inside of a prison — well, not in the literal sense. I wrote this little introduction for you because *Works In Progress* has invited me to become a regular columnist. In the coming months my writing will appear in each issue. I want you all to see beyond the fact that the column is written by a "prisoner."

Ahhh, but no doubt by now you have mentally formulated The Question. Not all of the community volunteers who visit the prison pop The Question, but a few of the more assertive or curious of them do. "Uh, I'm not sure if it's okay to ask this," they'd begin tentatively, "but what are you in here for?"

When asked in this personal, face-to-face context, it's a question whose answer I never shied away from. I never loose sight of or deny responsibility for what I did fifteen years ago. My response to The Question has always been immediate and forthright.

I struggle, however, with how to address The Question in this context of mass media. What I did those many years ago is so contrary to all that I stand for and believe in today that it shames me to admit that I was once so. I suppose the only honest thing to do, if I choose to communicate with you through this medium, is to answer The Question in this medium. I raped.

I sat here at the typewriter and stared at those two words — I raped — for fully ten minutes. I wish I could say that I feel remorse right now, but remorse is something which dwells in my heart and which speaks only to me. And could I convey it to you through mere words on paper?

What I am feeling now is shame, and that is a pathetic emotion that I wish to avoid feeling as much as possible. The remorse (and perhaps even the shame) have transformed me in the intervening years and have filled me with a resolve to improve the world as much as I can. It is to this end that I devote most of my writing.

I stated before that I am a journalist, and that I am. This first column, then, is merely an introduction. I promise that future columns will not be nearly so angst-ridden or self-revelatory. Nor will they be written in such an informal, conversational style. I plan to write about not just prison issues, but about broader social, economic, and political issues as well.

I look forward to addressing you, the readers of *Works In Progress*, each month. I invite you to write me at the address below and share your comments. I cannot promise to answer your letters individually, however I will write to you all once each month on these pages. Enjoy, and until next month, greetings from the gulag.

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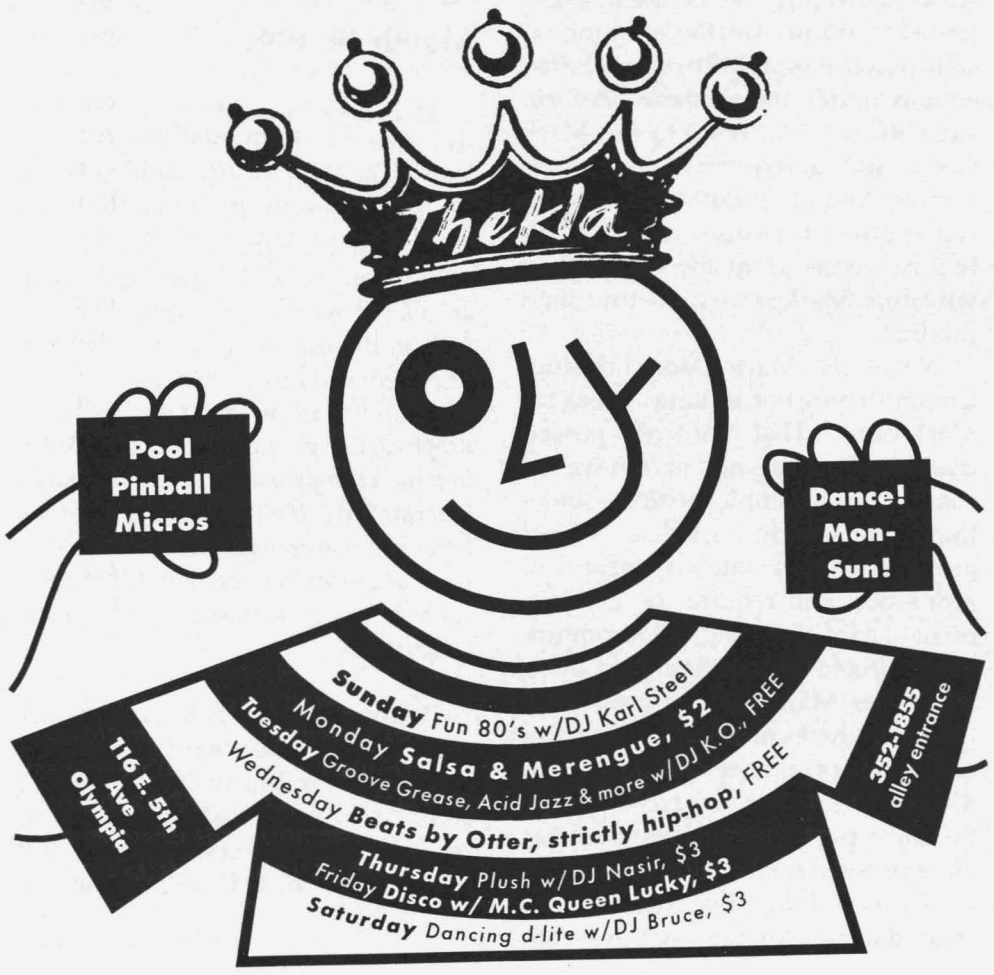

"I belong to a class which has been robbed, exploited, and plundered down through many long centuries. And because I belong to that class, I have an impulse to go and help break the chains." Mother Jones

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Free Political Prisoner Mark Cook

Mark Cook Freedom Committee

On May 9th former political prisoner of 19 years and ex member of the George Jackson Brigade Ed Mead is coming to Olympia from Seattle on behalf of the Seattle Mark Cook Freedom Committee. Mark Cook a political prisoner is the only member still imprisoned.

The first part of this column is a piece Ed wrote in late March that missed the April deadline. The second article by Ed gives a rough outline of Marks case. The last part was written by Mark Cook himself.

Ed will be speaking at noon-2:00 in the library lobby at the Evergreen State College. The talk is being sponsored by the TESC program Decoding: The Political Economy of the Media and EPIC (Evergreen Political Information Center.) That evening Ed will be speaking at the Liberation Cafe at 7 on the second floor of The Bulldog News.

This talk is sponsored by the local Chiapas solidarity group. Both talks will focus on Marks case and related political prisoners issues and struggles. For more info call 352-6342. Olympia Mark Cook Freedom Committee PO Box 10176, Olympia, WA 98502

Prisoner Solidarity Demonstration at King County Jail

By Ed Mead

It may be that nobody noticed the 25 of us standing in front of the King County Jail in Seattle on March 17th, but the event happened whether it was noticed or not. That Sunday afternoon was nice, if rare for the season as it has unfolded this far. Those who came out came to stand behind a banner that read Stop Prison Slavery! They gave up a nice Sunday afternoon. The reason 25 people did that is because it appears as if there may be a fight brewing inside the state's prison system. They felt people needed to know.

As of March 11 a part of Walla Walla and Clallam Bay (the state's only Maximum Security prisons) were on work strike. As far as this writer can tell, prisoners were protesting a policy issued by Tom Rolfs, Director of the Division of Prisons, on February 15th, which said that thirty-five percent (35%) of all monies mailed in, or otherwise delivered, to Washington state prisoners would be confiscated by the state. A part of this money would be handed over to crime victims. A large part of it would go to the Department of Corrections to contribute to the cost of incarceration. This new policy is based upon House Bill 2010 that was signed into law by Governor Lowry last year. This state's two maximum security prisons are on strike and the bourgeois news media is not reporting it at all.

At Clallam Bay the guards tried to force the striking prisoners to go to work. When the protestors refused the administration went on to call the protest a riot. According to reports from prisoners at Shelton's Intensive Management Unit (IMU), some seventy rioters have been shipped from Clallam Bay to the IMU at Shelton. Sundays demonstrations were trying to draw attention to the plight of societies newest scapegoats.

During the demonstration we handed out flyers to visitors coming to and leaving their loved ones on the inside, as well as those being released from jail. The flyer was headlined: Why do they have to tax the money prisoners received as gifts, when their labor is already stolen from them? The flyer pointed out that Slavery was never physically abolished, only hidden and confined behind concrete and steel. True, there are some criminals in prison, but the majority of prisoners are placed there by poverty and unemployment, a cage to live in and of itself. Prison slavery is a logical practice for a state that can only profit from the theft of land and labor, and prison is the modern enslavement of the expendable class. We demanded an end to prison slavery and that the racist death penalty be abolished.

Call (206) 323-8791 to find out more. You can also e-mail me at quawk@eskimo.com if you would like to follow these events.

Mark Cook and I are codefendants. We were both convicted of two counts of first degree assault on police officers and one count of attempted bank robbery. We both received consecutive life sentences from the state and thirty year terms from the feds. The crimes we were convicted and sentenced on were committed while we were both an alleged part of Seattle's George Jackson Brigade. Today I am "free" while Mark is still in prison. I am on the streets because I was a trouble maker on the inside.

Mark Cook has maintained an outstanding record in prison (he's had one minor infraction in over twenty years). Mark did not do his prison political work violently. He litigated against the deprivation of basic rights for workers in federal prison industries. I was busted having three homemade hand grenades, a pistol, and eighty rounds of ammunition. That was a part of only one of several armed escape attempts, not to mention a riot in which the associate warden of custody at the U.S. Prison in Marion was stabbed in the heart, many prison strikes, acts of sabotage, etc.

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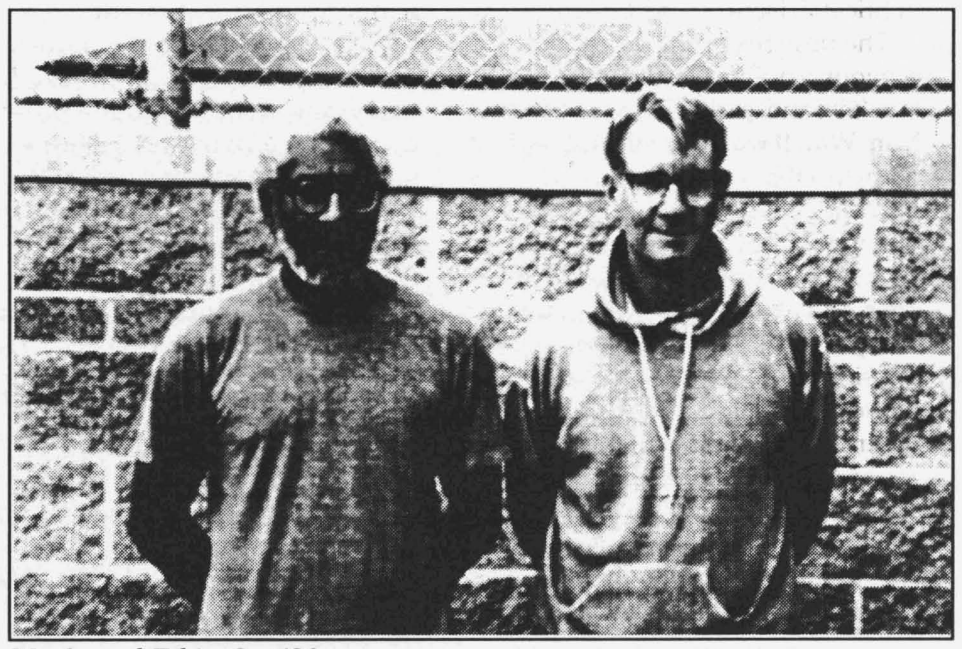
So now I am on the outside and Mark is still in prison. I am also the more culpable, both while inside the walls and out here in before my imprisonment. So why is Mark still in prison?



Mark and Ed in Oct '93

Mark has already served more time than most first degree murderers, who on average serve a little under seventeen years. I expect political prisoners on the left to serve more time than social prisoners for the same crime, just as I expect to be treated more harshly than right wing offenders. Not only are both of those true in Mark's case, but he is also serving more time than his white counterparts in the Brigade. We whites are free. Janine Burtram is free. Rita Bo Brown is free. Threse Coupez is free. I am free. Yet Mark Cook, the only Black man arrested in connection with Brigade actions, remains in prison.

Mark wrote out and said he would like people out here to ask three pertinent questions of state officials in Washington. These are: (1) Why hasn't Mark Cook's federal and state terms run concurrently, like Ed Mead's sentence? (2) Why hasn't the Washington state parole board (ISRB) used it's discretion under the Sentence Reform Act's RCW 9.94a.400(3) to run Mark Cook's state and federal time concurrently? And (3), if Ed Mead had two consecutive life terms and Mark Cook had two concurrent life terms, then why must Mark serve more time than Ed did?

We of the Mark Cook Freedom Committee are not seeking a break for Mark Cook. That point was passed many, many years ago. What we are asking for is simple justice—something that is long past due. To get justice from this state's apparatus of repression will require the involvement of a lot of people. As a community we have to ask Governor Lowry to answer Mark's legitimate questions. We have until the end of December to try and get an answer from him. Mark's freedom is close. One of the three parole board members has already voted for his release, only one of the remaining two members is needed to develop the two thirds majority to parole Mark.

The George Jackson Brigade came out of a history of struggle that involved all of Seattle's progressive movement, from the RCP, to Prairie Fire Organizing Committee, the Lesbian Community, Anarchists, prisoners rights activists, ex-prisoners and others. Not all Brigade members went to prison, and none of those who were incarcerated are in need of continued imprisonment. It is my fondest hope that those who identify as part of the progressive community of this state will add their strength, their voice, to the struggle to free Mark Cook.

Although we always welcome it to help pay Mark's legal fees, money has never been a big problem within the Mark Cook Freedom Committee. What we need more than money is for you and yours to take an active role in trying to get the state government to answer the three legitimate (above listed) questions put forward by Mr. Cook. As a citizen you have a right to know the answers, and your government has an obligation to answer them. Form more information contact:

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Letter From Mark Cook

March 29, 1994

Mark Cook is a political prisoner being housed at the state prison in Monroe. He was a former officer in the WSP chapter of the Black Panther Party. He has now served nearly twenty years in connection with illegal political actions done while an alleged member of Seattle's George Jackson Brigade. What follows is a letter Mark sent to Kate B., which sets out some of his thinking on the subject of how people doing political support work for him should approach his case. Material in brackets [like this] was added. Mark's letter has also been edited to remove personal or other information not applicable to the subject of the work being done in his support.

I appreciate the political support folks want to give regarding my case and will compliment it whenever I can. As of this date I have still not received any paperwork from the ISRB [Parole Board] concerning my

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minimum term status. I don't disagree with the 196 month decision, but only the "time start" date they set. [His state time and federal time should have been set concurrently, as Ed's was, which would entitle Mark to immediate release.]

My input on the "political line" to take involving my case may not agree with yours. The issue is not Mark Cook's case but the historical conditions that were the impetus of Mark Cook's activities and the actions of all political prisoners and POWs.

The impetus of the various social-economic-political movements of the late '60s and early '70s was the Viet Nam War. It was a war the U.S.A. had no justifiable cause of involving its military. Television allowed the young people to witness the ravages of that war as well as the older peoples' debates as to whether we should or should not be involved. This began a division in the consciousness and the patriotism of both young and old on the injustice of the war. Some folks were just peace-niks and were against all war, some saw racism in America's war on Vietnamese and other Asians who were all called Communist, yet they would not war against European communists. Women saw the participation of Viet Nam women in all aspects of the war and drew feminist inspiration to fight for justice. We who suffer injustice here in the U.S. find common cause with those who suffered injustice from U.S. B-52 bombers and such.

It was the common cause of injustice that was the true impetus for the movements of the 1960's and 1970's. It was the same red book of Mao that gave the Vietnamese people the political inspiration to challenge the injustice of the U.S.A. that gave the Black Panther Party (BPP) and other leftists groups their inspiration. The common cause was so strong among the Panthers that the BPP volunteered to send members of the Party to fight for the liberation of Viet Nam. It is immaterial that the offer was graciously rejected, the Panther Party was then in active support against the U.S.A. in that war. This is merely a demonstration of how intertwined the left in the U.S.A. became with the left of the communist world. We saw the left politics as our salvation against racism, sexism, poverty and serfdom to capitalism.

This impetus affected the Weatherman movement, A.I.M. movement, B.L.A. (Black Liberation Army), B.P.P., and even the moderate movements led by Martin Luther King. This analysis of the political history of the '60s and '70s is not speculation. It is not only what happened then, it points to what will happen in the future if the U.S.A. involves itself in another Great War—unjustly!

In sum, the political prisoners and prisoners of war in U.S.A. prisons are unjustly imprisoned as criminals. Common cause draws the militant as well as the moderate. We cannot support injustice in any form. When we choose not to support it in foreign countries we are bound not to support it at home.

The Viet Nam war ended and caused the demise of the common cause within the U.S.A.s' left and the non-initiated grass roots movements. Many of us struggled on militantly and many ended up in prison. I, as many others, was part of a political movement striving for justice in an unjust U.S.A. As my African-American ancestors before me, I was born into a racist society and I will die in a racist society. My children and grandchildren will suffer the same hurts and injustices, yet they have the right to fight against injustice with moderation or militancy, and they must never be ashamed of their political positions because actions in support of justice are never criminal.

The former members of the George Jackson Brigade must define their selves and their politics. In the 1970s it was my duty and responsibility to find out who and what the GJB was because they were using the name of an honored and martyred brother, a political theorist and Field Marshall of the BPP. I did find out who they were and what I believe they were about. I gave them my full support as a member of the BPP and out of my own personal convictions. I'll not say what specific support I gave them. But because of my position as a BPP member I was fully responsible for every action taken by the GJB before and after my imprisonment as if I were an active participant.

From the heat of the Viet Nam War, the social-political--economic movements of the left soared like eagles over the land, and when the war ended those updrafts of common cause ended. People must acknowledge this reality before they can truly understand why the political prisoners and prisoners of war exist in the U.S.A.

It is important to me that if you wish to take a political line in support of my freedom, you must understand, at least in part, that we stood in common cause with millions though we feel alone in prison.

As to the "line" on my innocence. It is simple; I'm innocent of the criminal acts but guilty before and after the facts. I've done enough time from any perspective.

Have faith in the people!
Comrade Mark ◆

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Cut the Crap — Debunking Beltway Bull

by Greg Hohnholt

In this edition of *Cut the Crap*, we ask you to give those karaoke muscles a workout. Celebrate WiP's sixth anniversary by singing these election year ditties with your friends; or better yet, try creating some of your own! It's fun and educational to boot!

You're Going to Lose that Vote

(Sung to the tune of "You're Going to Lose That Girl" by The Beatles.)

You're gonna lose that vote (*Yes, yes, you're gonna lose that vote*)
You're gonna lose that vote!

Congressmen, if you don't govern well, we're going to throw you out,
(We're going to vote you down)
And that goes for both conservatives and liberals as well.
(You overpaid pretentious clowns)

You're gonna lose that vote, (*Yes, yes, you're gonna lose that vote*)
You're gonna lose that vote. (*Two years and that's all she wrote)*

We're sick of lies, corruption, greed, and your self-serving crap,
(You think we're a bunch of saps)
You hypocrites won't fight for anything except your next pay hike.
(While worker's wages drop out of sight)

You're gonna lose that vote, (*Yes, yes, you're gonna lose that vote*)
You're gonna lose that vote. (*Your Contract's a pathetic joke.)*
You're gonna lose——oo—oose! *(Yes, yes, you're gonna lose our vote!)*

You've abdicated your responsibility—*(Why can't you see?)* Yeah!
By trashing consti-tution-al-i-ty—
[GUITAR SOLO with: (*Yes, yes, you're gonna lose that vote*)
(*Ship you out on the next slow boat!)* **inbetween].**

You're gonna lose that vote (*Yes, yes, you're gonna lose that vote*)
You're gonna lose that vote (*One term and that's all she wrote.)*

Just forget about 1996— *(It makes us sick!)* Yeah!
And your overblown partisan rhetoric—

You have no courage to take a stand against the corporate class,
('Cause they pay for your campaign ads)
Or whatever lobbyist provides your petty cash.
(The social justice bills never pass.)

You're gonna lose that vote, (*Yes, yes, you're gonna lose that vote*)
You're gonna lose that vote. *(Your Contract's a pathetic joke.)*
You're gonna lose—oo—ose! *(Yes, yes, you're gonna lose —our—vote!)*

Bob Dole

(Sing to the tune of "Daniel," by Bernie Taupin and Elton John.)
Note : This parody was written in March, before Dole had clinched the GOP nomination.

Bob Dole is travelin' tonight on a plane,
Kicking off a thirty-seven mil-li-on dollar campaign, oh and,
Conservatives are split to be tied,
For Bob Dole's chances.... seem somewhat idealized.

They say that New Hampshire is a must-win,
And Bob Dole says it's the toughest state he's ever been in—, oh and,
He should know, he's been there enough,
Lord I wish Bob Dole... wouldn't ramble so much——

Chorus: Bob Dole the other...guys are...gunning for you,
Do you still see your quest as a scaled-down World War II,
You just can't win, (you're) not Ronald Reagan,
Bob Dole please don't mar, your reputation thus far—

Now while it's true that Clinton's no prince,
At the very least he knows... how to construct a sentence, and so,
The G.O.P. old boys continue to howl,
"Please give us Jack Kemp, or better yet, Colin Powell."

Chorus 2: Bob Dole you old goat, *go ahead, run!!* Be my guest,
Do you still feel the pain.... of being labeled second best,
But you'll see it through, because you've paid your dues,
Un-for-tu-nate-ly, that rationale don't apply to the presidency!

(*Optional aside:* "If it did, Strom Thurmond would've been president twenty years ago.")

Eventu'ly Bob Dole gets the nom-i-na-tion,
But now he knows he has to placate ... the Buchanan co-a-li-tion, because,
If he can't those votes might go to Perot,
And that leaves Bob Dole with a lump in his throat,
Oh God, it looks like Bob Dole.... must be that lump in his throat.

CopWatch Proposals For Improving the Police

The following are excerpts from CopWatches proposals to the Olympia City Council on improving the Olympia Police Department. The scheduled presentation is April 30th, 1996. For a complete copy of the proposals, send $2 to CopWatch PO Box 295, Olympia, WA 98507 or call the CopWatch phone line at 352-6543.

INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

CopWatch presents these proposals as a supplement to Pendleton's Recommendations with the intent of making more comprehensive the plan for reforming the Olympia Police Department. A central issue in the Internal Evaluation of the Department and one crucial to the reorganization is public involvement. Since police officers are given the extraordinary authority to deprive citizens of their freedom, the nature of the work has deep ramifications for the public. The following proposals bring to light certain issues that were overlooked in the Pendleton Report and the subsequent Ad Hoc Committee meetings. All elements are necessary for the effective functioning of the others. To implement any plan without looking at the system as a whole will perpetuate the weaknesses inherent in the current structure, and potentially further harm the employees and the public.

Short of recommending the replacement of the officials, the Chief of Police, the City Manager, and the City Attorney, who have allowed and tolerated the dismal state of the Olympia Police Department to develop over the years, the Citizen Task Force of Olympia CopWatch proposes the following:

A. Implementation of a Community Oriented Policing Policy that is consistent with the values of the Olympia Community.

B. Maximum training for officers in de-escalating and nonviolent approaches to citizens.

C. An aggressive hiring and promotion program for female and people of color officers.

D. The establishment of a Civilian Review Board.

An effective police force depends on public trust. Recent articles in *The Olympian* and *Works In Progress* show that their is a lack of public trust in the Olympia Police Department. (See Works In Progress, March 1996 and The Olympian, March 3, 1996) Public trust and cooperation are essential for effective law enforcement. By implementing Community Oriented Policing, the police will begin to reflect and enforce the values of the Olympia Community. This will have the effect of helping to build public trust in our police department in a time when recurring incidents of excessive force, unnecessary shootings, racial harassment and the informal code of silence requiring officers to cover-up and deny irresponsible behavior by their colleagues are now familiar to the average citizen, as reported by the national and local media in recent years.

The first step to building trust is the initial interaction on the street between police and citizen. Public scrutiny should begin here. Taxpayers have not only a right, but a responsibility to see that such interactions are appropriate, lawful, and within the bounds of police policies and procedures. Temptations to make quick arrests, demonstrate police authority, and resolve confrontations at the scene may take precedence over professional, thorough police work; i.e. probable cause may be overlooked, due process may be ignored, etc. Trust may be restored through sensitivity training designed to be non-confrontational, de-escalating, and non-violent with full respect of citizens' rights. A maximally trained police force is an investment in public trust.

The OPD should also reflect the diversity and composition of the Olympia Community. A hiring and promotion program for sworn officers will bring the OPD in concert with the rest of the community.

All elements are necessary for the effective functioning of the others. To implement any plan without looking at the system as a whole will perpetuate the weaknesses inherent in the current structure, and potentially further harm the employees and the public.

To ensure a quality police force and the implementation of the above proposals, a Civilian Review Board is necessary. The public needs a voice in the policies and designs of policing. Furthermore, the public needs to be ensured that policies will be followed and that grievances will be handled properly.

AGGRESSIVE HIRING PROGRAM FOR FEMALE OFFICERS AND OFFICERS OF COLOR

The Citizen Advisory Team recommends the aggressive hiring and promotion of female and people of color officers. The OPD should reflect the diversity of the Olympia Community as a measure of prevention of internal and public incidences of sexism and/or racism and to ensure that the Police Department is a consistent member of the community. Women and people of color should have defining roles in policy and training, upper management positions from which they are currently excluded. In addition, more equitable racial and gender distribution needs to exist within all sections of the OPD. According to the ACLU, in the short term, the recruitment of more women and officers of color may not result in less police abuse, but in the long term, an integrated police force is a very important goal for three reasons.

1. Integration will break down the isolation of the OPD, as it reflects more and more the composition of the communities they serve. A representative police force will probably be less likely to behave like an alien, occupying army. The visible presence of women and officers of color in high-ranking command positions engenders public confidence in the ability of police department personnel to identify, on human terms, with community members.
2. Integration sends the important message that the primary enforcement arm of "the law" is, itself committed to the principles of equal opportunity and equal protection of the law.
3. Integration might, over time, reduce overtly racist/sexist enforcement tactics and actions, including brutality.

Racial and Gender Breakdown of O.P.D.

(based on information from the City Personnel Office dated 11/21/95)

I. Female Profile

Women comprise 9% of the sworn personnel of the O.P.D.

As sworn personnel, there are six females. 5 of the 6 (83%) are low-ranking Officers; 45 Officers make up 68% of the police force. The highest ranking female is a Sergeant, a mid-management position shared with 17 men. Women are 5.5% of the mid-level management, and are represented 4.75% overall in management. There are no women (0%) in the upper management division of the police force.

Of the 21 female employees in the Olympia Police Department, 13 (62%) are employed in the Support Division (4 secretarial, 1 office, 4 data, 1 public service, 1 victim assistance, 1 support, and 1 technical). Women constitute 93% in this area of work; in fact, all but one is female.

There is 13% female employment (a female warrant processor and a female cadet) in an area with 15 low-level positions (1 evidence technician, 5 detention officers, 2 warrant processors, 5 cadets, 1 police services assistant, 1 recruit).

There is no (0%) female of color employed currently by the OPD.

II. People of Color Profile

People of Color comprise 8% of the sworn personnel of the O.P.D.

As sworn personnel, there are five people of color. 4 of the 5 (80%) are low-ranking Officers; 45 Officers make up 68% of the police force. The highest ranking person of color is a Sergeant, a mid-management position shared with 17 whites. People of color are 5.5% of the mid-level management, and are represented 4.75% overall in management. There are no people of color (0%) in the upper management division of the police force.

In the Support Division (4 secretarial, 1 office, 4 data, 1 public service, 1 victim assistance, 1 support, and 1 technical), people of color constitute 0% in this area of work; all are white.

Of the 9 employees of color in the Olympia Police Department, 4 (44%) are employed in an area with 15 low-level positions (1 evidence technician, 5 detention officers, 2 warrant processors, 5 cadets, 1 police services assistant, 1 recruit). They are employed as a cadet, a recruit, and two detention officers.

There is no (0%) female of color employed currently by the O.P.D. – all employees of color are male. ◆

Chart of Racial and Gender Breakdown of O.P.D.

(based on information from the City Personnel Office dated 11/21/95)

(NO.) = Number of positions; the rest is expressed as percentages

Position	(NO.)	White Males	White Females	Males of Color	Females of Color
Sworn Personnel	(66)	83 %	9 %	8 %	0 %
Chief	(1)	100	0	0	0
Commanders	(2)	100	0	0	0
Lieutenants	(8)	100	0	0	0
Sergeants	(10)	80	10	10	0
Officers	(45)	80	11	9	0
Non-Sworn Personnel	(29)	34	52	14	0
Support Division	(14)	7	93	0	0
Low-Level	(15)	60	13	27	0

Clinic Defense Update

Buffer Zone Ordinance Presented

Suzanne Furst & Linda Malanchuk-Finnan

After months of sifting through witness statements, photographs and other defense materials, the Clinic Defense Committee completed its work organizing relevant documentation and presented it to the Olympia City Council on February 27th. We thank all the defense escorts who took time to fill out statements and took photographs. A special thanks to patients and those accompanying patients who managed to describe incidents even though it was at a difficult time for them. Thanks also to the staff in the dentist office (also under siege!) who wrote up a report for us. We could not have gotten this far without all of you!

We proposed three variations of Buffer zones so we would have input into whichever type the Council might choose. Buffer zones are specific areas usually around health facilities which restrict or limit particular behaviors (e.g. blocking entrances, crowding, verbal threats, videotaping, physical contact or harassment). Some Buffer zones include bubble zones which accompany/protect the patient from particular behaviors by limiting them to specific distances from the patient.

During the Public Speaking time of the agenda, we addressed the problem of safe clinic access. Our remarks were followed by presentation of the packets to Council Members by Arlene Gerlough, Frank Hoffman, and Helen Wilson. The issue was referred to the General Government Committee which considers new ordinances. Jeanette Hawkins, Margaret McPhee and Laura Ware make up that committee. We need lots of letters and support going to these committee members urging them to direct the City Attorney to draft a buffer zone ordinance.

In the normal process, the draft ordinance would come back to the whole council for a full discussion. There are usually three readings of any new ordinance before final approval. There can be public hearings if necessary. We will be following this process closely and may need as many of you as possible to turn out for any public hearings scheduled. In the meantime, letters (or calls) to any Council Member and letters to the editor of the Olympian are extremely important. If you can't help with escorting, here's your chance to make another significant contribution.

We also knew of the U.S. Supreme Court's decision to review two New York state cases concerning injunctions of 15 foot buffer zones. The operative word here is "injunction" not ordinance. An ordinance goes through a lengthy process of city review that an injunction does not. The decision the Supreme Court will make is whether a federal judge had the right to issue an injunction. It is possible that will be all the court rules on, not if a buffer zone infringes on first amendment rights.

We were hoping Olympia would make a strong resolution to enforce what Washington's electorate has already established. We urge you to go ahead with the process of directing Mark Ericson to draft a buffer zone ordinance. It is not in the interest of the patients and their families to delay for a year or more the creation of that ordinance which would reduce harassment of anyone entering the clinic.

Women have the legal right to choice, it's time we made it quite clear that right deserves protection. Women should not have to wait a year of more for safer clinic access.

We need some clear definitions of behavior that protect patients rights for the future. This has been going on for 20 years since Roe vs Wade and 7 years since the clinic has been in Olympia. This problem will not go away, and we will continue to press this issue.

Letter Writing Tips

1. State Why I Am Writing This Letter And Where I Stand On This Issue.

I support the proposed buffer zone ordinance for safe access for health care facilities in Olympia. I firmly believe access to health care facilities should be unobstructed and free from deliberate harassment that disrupts the normal functions at these facilities.

2. Include Background Information.

The Eastside Women's Health Clinic has endured ongoing and escalating harassment by anti-choice protesters including:

- Direct, loud, hate filled, antagonistic slogans aimed at clinic patients and workers.
- A tense environment that emotionally terrorizes clinic patients and workers.
- Photographing of clients, recording of auto license plate numbers, and following clinic workers home.
- Vandalism, bomb threats and phone threats directed at the clinic and its workers.

3. State The Need.

Harassment at health care facilities:

- Emotionally upsets the clinic patients and workers.
- Disrupts the normal daily functions at the clinic.
- Violates rights to privacy.

Harassment conducted by anti-choice protesters is not adequately addressed by city, state or federal laws. Olympia needs the buffer zone ordinance for safe access because:

- It will protect and preserve access to health care facilities.
- It affirms that the community will not tolerate intimidation and harassment from anti-choice protesters.
- The normal daily functions of local businesses should be protected.

4. Request For Action.

Ask Olympia City Council Members to:

- Support, endorse and vote for approval of the buffer zone ordinance.
- Restore and preserve public peace, health and safety at health care facilities.

Ask Olympia Police Chief and Police Department, upon approval of the ordinance by the City of Olympia, to:

- Enforce the buffer zone ordinance.
- File a report detailing the allegations of any incident where a person has committed a violation of the open access ordinance.
- Arrest all person(s) that have committed a violation to this ordinance.

Buffer zones are specific areas usually around health facilities which restrict or limit particular behaviors (e.g. blocking entrances, crowding, verbal threats, videotaping, physical contact or harassment).

Write to: Olympia City Council Members

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From the mountains of the Mexican Southeast

Unraveling of the Wild In Central Idaho

Natalie Shapiro

Welcome to Cove/Mallard, the heart of the largest undeveloped and unroaded forested land in the lower forty eight. Listen: a chainsaw bites through tree rings, the subsequent crashing death of a giant far older than any human. Piece by piece, the wildness, the freedom of this land is unraveling.

Cove/Mallard, in Central Idaho, is still mostly wild, but its death is beginning. The area is in the Nez Perce National Forest, ostensibly "owned" by all U.S. citizens. However, it is being given away to large timber corporations by the U.S. Forest Service.

Cove/Mallard is, perhaps, just the most egregious example of agency malfeasance. Because the land is less steep than the nearby canyon walls that tumble into the Salmon River, and has relatively pristine watersheds, it is particularly important to endangered and threatened species of wildlife — lynx, wolverine, grey wolf, pileated woodpecker, and salmon, to name a few. The land and its wild inhabitants are the very essence of wilderness.

Cove/Mallard is part of the Greater Salmon-Selway ecosystem, which covers a swath across central Idaho and touches the western fringes of Montana. This is the wild heart of America. This is where salmon used to spawn in great numbers.

Two hundred cutting units and 145 miles of roads are prescribed for Cove/Mallard, the largest undertaking of industrial logging in the region ever. This, in spite of study after study that conclude roads spell the death sentence for critters who need wild places. Roads fragment ecosystems, destroy streams, and bring in people, often with guns and ORVs. We are already seeing the effects of roads built last summer: silt and muck cover once-pristine stream beds. Forest Service decision makers ignore the evidence from their own biologists.

Cove/Mallard is where activists have decided to put their bodies on the line in a campaign of nonviolent civil disobedience. We need your support in these efforts, your body, for that is all we have.

We are using our bodies because all other efforts have failed; appeals to all levels of the US Forest Service and President Clinton failed. The timber sales at Cove/Mallard are ripe with illegalities; numerous environmental laws, the Nez Perce Forest Plan, and the timber sale contracts are being blatantly violated.

A lawsuit based on these illegalities in the U.S. District Court was denied, and now is waiting to be heard at the next level in the hierarchy of the courts. While waiting, the trees fall.

Justice has also been denied us in the woods. In response to protesters burying themselves in the middle of a logging road, the Forest Service closed that part of the forest to the public. Activists requested a permit to enter the closed area, with Forest Service escorts, in order to monitor logging activities. The response: "no permits will be issued to self-styled environmentalists." For us to protest and monitor logging activities, we had to trespass onto public land. Those caught doing so received jail time and hefty fines. That didn't stop us. We sat in trees, in tripods and in the road. Besides dealing with hypothermia and angry loggers, we had the pleasure of the company of irresponsible "keepers of the peace." When a security guard shot at activists, Forest Service law enforcement officers (LEO's) laughed it off. A sheriff kicked the 30 foot tall tripod an activist sat in "to see how stable it was." A logger felled a tree which hit a 300 year old spruce an activist was in, almost knocking her 100 feet to the ground. LEO's stood by watching.

Things aren't much better in court. Activists were arrested and found guilty of blocking logging operations. Ironically, the judge found no evidence of outrageous conduct by law enforcement officials, and refused to let defendants use the necessity defense because "you could still write letters to officials."

Apparently, we are doing the right thing because the Feds find us very threatening. So threatening that the Idaho legislature passed a law in 1994 that made it a felony to solicit or conspire with anyone to commit any crime with the intent to halt or impede lawful logging.

On an early morning in the summer of 1993, Federal agents raided the base camp, a privately owned inholding in the national forest. Pointing guns at sleeping activists, the Feds ordered them up and searched the entire camp, including peoples' personal belongings. They were investigating an alleged tree spiking incident and were looking for evidence. They took things like shovels, saws, nails, axes, personal diaries and crucial documents.

In 1993, the road building company SLAPPed activists over alleged vandalism to a bulldozer. A Strategic Lawsuit Against Public

Participation is just that — a strategy to impede activists from fighting for justice. SLAPPs have been used against a variety of environmental activists, with the goal to drain them economically. Our SLAPP is far from over, but it hasn't stopped us. This year, we have a new atrocity to tackle: the salvage rider. With the passage of the rider last summer, the death sentence strikes at the last remaining old growth and roadless areas in the West. Healthy forests are being decimated because, says the Forest Service, they *might* get diseased. And our best tool to fight it legally was stolen with the salvage rider; we can't appeal these biologically destructive timber sales.

The irony is that we — the American public — are subsidizing this. Our taxes are subsidizing the six million dollars that the roads in Cove/Mallard will cost.

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Another irony is that timber workers are exploited by an industry which doesn't care about them. Over 40,000 jobs have been lost in the Pacific Northwest in the past decade, half that to automation. Yet, it is environmental concerns and endangered species who receive the blame.

Back at Cove/Mallard, coyotes yip yip on a moonless night, an owl swoops down for a kill. Shadowy figures sneak through the woods. It is no wonder the Zapatistas find refuge in wild lands. It has always been that way...for freedom is wildness.

The Cove/Mallard Coalition is gearing up for its fifth year of resistance against the destruction of the wild. The Coalition includes, among others, Earth First!ers, Seeds of Peace (they feed and give non-violence training to activists), and the Ancient Forest Bus Brigade (the basecamp owners). A basecamp on private property, adjacent to the Cove/Mallard area, is maintained during the summer.

Because of the area's importance, the 1996 Earth First! Round River Rendezvous will be held here from June 30 to July 7. This annual event is THE gathering for Earth First! activists from across the continent. The week is filled with workshops, skills training, non-violence training, and a big rally. It's a week for seeing old friends and making new ones, for networking, and lots of partying and music. See the Beltane issue of the Earth First! Journal for details.

Besides the Rendezvous, we are organizing a 100 mile walk to raise awareness about Cove/Mallard. Our route takes us through timber-dependent communities. The purpose of the walk is to interact with people in these communities, to build coalitions, and to create a peaceful forum to discuss various environmental issues, concerns, and conflicts.

See the Wild Rockies Summer Schedule for these actions and more!

To get involved, or to donate food, equipment, or money, contact: Cove/Mallard Coalition POB 8968 Moscow, ID 83843 (208) 882-9755 ◆

WILD ROCKIES SUMMER 1996

- **May 15th: National Day of Action for the Forests** Start the summer of right. Send the despoilers of our public lands a message they won't forget. Be creative and have fun!
- **May 24th-27th:** Help kick off the 5th summer of the Cove/Mallard campaign with a **Work Party** (don't worry, we'll do both, but remember which word is mentioned first!) to open base camp. We'll be preparing camp for the masses, finalizing strategies, monitoring, scouting, etc... We need your energy; if you're not going to work, don't come.
- **June 3rd-12th: Walk for the Wild Rockies.** Come to Idaho and walk with us from Moscow to Grangeville. We will be interacting with local people along the route and will conclude with a rally at the Nez Perce National Forest headquarters. We will be walking through the Nez Perce reservation. This event is strictly alcohol and drug-free.
- **June 15th-30th:** Sometime during this period is when the Freddies and the timber beast will probably start up their *machines and get to work on Cove/Mallard.* When they start, we'll be there...ready and resisting!
- **June 30th-July 7th:** The 1996 **Earth First! Round River Rendezvous.** Wow! Nothing more needs to be said. See the Beltane issue of the EF! Journal for more info.
- **July 15th-August 12th:** Cove/Mallard activists hit the road with their **Roving Action Team.** We'll be moving throughout the Wild Rockies, bringing our unique brand of subversion to the nastiest of timber destruction and other exploitative activities in this region.
- **August 12th-18th: Wild Rockies Week!** A gathering of activists, at the C/M basecamp, with workshops, strategizing, and the whole shebang. Wild Rockies Week traditionally culminates into-
- **August 17th: Wild Rockies International Day of Action!** People throughout Cove/Mallard, the Wild Rockies, Turtle Island, and the whole third rock put industrial culture into shock.

Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance

Urging the Most Effective Environmental Protection

Jack Davis

At a time when environmentalists are generally desperate, the Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance and its grassroots army of "wilderness warriors" have temporarily stalled one of the biggest land and resource giveaways in recent times. Using every available tactic and subterfuge, the Utah congressional delegation and its allies have been trying to ram through legislation that would open the last of Utah's public lands to destructive exploitation. It appears that, for once, the outraged cries of Americans have been heard.

Last December Congressman Jim Hansen had steered H.R. 1745 to the point of a floor vote in the House of Representatives. Just minutes before debate was to begin he found that over 40 Republican members would refuse to support the bill. The congressmen had reckoned there would be little attention outside his own region, but exposure throughout the country revealed its special interest intent. He hastily withdrew H.R. 1745 from immediate consideration.

By March a different strategy had been developed. Senate Bill 884, companion to H.R. 1745, was folded into a package with over 50 other items and named the Presidio Parks Omnibus Act. (San Francisco's Presidio National Park is typical of mostly small but urgent matters encompassed by the omnibus bill.) Debate began March 25, with energy and Natural Resource Committee Chairman Frank Murkowski leading off with his usual distortion of facts and contempt for truth. (The Alaska delegation has its own agenda for assaulting public lands and resources in their state.) Aside from the merits of S. 884, he made it plain that the Senate must accept or reject the whole package; the Utah bill would not be allowed consideration by itself. This is typical of the heavy-handed process employed by the majority.

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A vote to close debate on the omnibus bill on the following Wednesday failed miserably, the Republicans could muster only 51 of the required 60 to end the filibuster. Senator Murkowski, by holding hostage the 50+ noncontroversial items in the omnibus, gained no friends in the Senate. Nor did the shoddy tactic stimulate sympathy for the outrageous S. 884.

The Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance (SUWA) has urged legislation for several years that would add 5.7 million of acres in Utah to the National Wilderness System - the most effective protection offered by law. The Red Rock Wilderness Act of 1995, H.R. 1500, was introduced last year by New York Congressman Maurice Hinchey and has (as of March) 113 cosponsors. As yet, the bill has no sponsor in the Senate. While there is little chance for consideration in the 104th Congress, wilderness warriors are gathering signatures on petitions supporting H.R. 1500. Its day will come, because it is the right thing to do.

The Public Domain was established by the Continental Congress as a repository for the public lands and resources being acquired by the United States. With the purchase of Alaska in 1867, the Public Domain encompassed about 2.1 billion acres. Over time, Congress has dissipated the majority of this national natural heritage. About 22 million acres of what's left lies in Utah. Managed (often badly) by the Bureau of Land Management, about three-fourths of this legacy has already been rendered unfit for wilderness. The 5.7 million acres still in a near-natural state occupy some of the most spectacular scenery in the world, and support unique biotic communities of several kinds. Thus far, there is only 900,000 acres of designated wilderness in Utah - all U.S. Forest - and not a single Wild and Scenic river. The industrialists and their congressional toadies intend there to be no more.

The names are familiar to few: Labyrinth Canyon, Wah Wah Mountains, Colt Mesa. While the First People found ways to live there for hundreds of years, these strange lands have remained almost untouched since they disappeared. To most visitors, coal mines and oil wells in such places would seem almost sacrilege. They belong to us all, the child in the South Bronx, the old Seminole in Florida and generations yet unborn.

With the notion that to understand is to appreciate and thus value the distinctive lands and resources at stake, Wilderness Warriors Virginia Hoyt and this author prepared a slide-illustrated lecture about the ecological processes in the canyon-mesa country similar to the proposed wilderness. The program is offered free of charge. It will be presented May 8 at 7:00 p.m. in Lecture Hall #3, The Evergreen State College, sponsored by TESC's Environmental Resources Center. The public is cordially invited. For those inclined to help protect Wild Utah, instruction and advice are offered. ◆

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Salvage Rider Facilitates Extinction

The Salvage "rider" continues to be a black cloud upon the Casacadian bioregion (including northern California, much of Oregon, much of Washington, some parts of Idaho). The salvage "rider" some how is giving the Forest Service the ability to facilitate the extinction of species, disrupt native burial grounds and ceremonial sites (Enola Hill east of Portland), and ignore hundreds of hundreds of thousand of people.

The Olympic Peninsula seems to be the battle grounds for much of the Olympia community. After the Rocky Brook trees have been cut, it's time to visit some of the last remaining old growth left on forest service land on the Olympic peninsula.

Many of the tree sales on the Peninsula have been protected because they are home to the endangered bird the marble murrelet. There are four sales that do not meet the protocol set by Judge Hogan (judge in Eugene, OR who ruled that for an area not to be cut it must not only be habitat, but must be nesting in the unit proposed for cutting); West Boundary, Stevens, Camel, Wenatchee Resale.

These areas were proposed for logging in the middle of April, but an appeal was made to the 9th Circuit court in San Francisco. The 9th court put a stay (stop order) on ALL marbled murrelet sales until argument can be presented on the seventh of May.

All of the sales on the Olympic Peninsula have had recorded marble murrelet nesting around the units (possible in the units).

The task now to positively identify marble murrelet activity in the tree sale units. At the Evergreen State College on May 1 LH #5 a viewing describing how to best identify marble murrelets will be shown. The purpose is to get a sighting with in the different units and then make sure the Forest Service checks the area. For more info. call the Environmental Resource Center at 866-6000 ex. 6784.

After May 7th the Forest Service may go into these tree sales to allow cutting. Many local groups including Black Hills Audubon Society, Cheetwoot Wilderness Alliance, Sasquatch Group of the Sierra Club, Quilcene Ancient Forest Coalition, NorthWest Eco-system Alliance, and Olympia Unitarian Universalist Congregation Social Justice Committee are coordinating there efforts to put together a large, all inclusive, educational rally on May 18th at Sylvester Park in downtown Olympia. The rally will have speakers, musicians, entertainment for kids, and hundreds of people coming to gether to speak up for the importance of the forest for their own community.

Many of these groups are also working together to lead trips up to the tree sales on the Olympic Peninsula. There will be trips on: Saturdays, April 27, May 4 & May 25; Sundays, May 12 & May 19.

These trips will be leaving from the Mud Bay Park-n-Ride at 8:00am. All trips will have forest activist familiar with the sale, plant and animal biologists, and registered Wilderness Forest Responders. Please bring food, water, and proper clothing. The trips can be overnight campouts if that is what individuals want.

For more information on the trips to the Peninsula call Cheetwoot Wilderness Alliance at 352-6521. ◆

Alternative Visions

Building the Economy of the Future

Don Busky and Dave Zink

Growing numbers are starting to realize that corporate domination is leading us into a downward spiral of environmental destruction and a tragic waste of resources and human potential. As wealth becomes more concentrated into fewer hands, people are looking for alternatives. Economic democracy is increasingly being seen as the answer to a system - capitalism - that has outlived its usefulness.

Some important questions are: What will best empower the people (as opposed to a ruling elite) and keep them empowered? What best insures against the growth of bureaucracy? What will be most responsive, keep in touch with the people, and minimize alienation? Some advocate relatively centralized forms of social ownership such as nationalization, in which governments own the economy, and the people, hopefully, democratically control the government. Some advocate more decentralized local government and community ownership.

Cooperatives have a proven track record of success, both in terms of productivity and in achieving the democratic ideals of socialism.

Some History

One of the earliest experiments in cooperation were the Rochdale Cooperatives. In 1843, twenty-eight weavers and other workers in the town of Rochdale, England, grew tired of getting ripped off by local businessmen and decided to set up a retail store to be owned and operated by themselves. They scrimped and saved their money until they had enough to buy enough goods to open a simple consumer's co-op.

The weavers became member-owners by purchasing one or more nominally-priced shares of the business. Members had a voice and a vote in all important decisions - one member, one vote, regardless of the number of shares they owned. The shares did not pay dividends, as for-profit businesses do, based on the numbers of shares owned. Instead, any extra money not needed to pay bills was refunded annually to the membership. Refunds were based on the amount of food and merchandise each member bought from the co-op during the year.

The cooperative experiment was a great success. By 1895 the Rochdale Society had 12,000 members and new cooperatives were being opened. British Prime Minister William E. Gladstone declared cooperatives to be the "greatest economic invention of the nineteenth century."

The cooperative movement spread. The International Co-Operative Alliance estimates that over 355 million people around the world belong to cooperatives today. In many countries, cooperatives make up a large sector of the national economy. They have created hundreds of jobs for the unemployed and brought some measure of social justice to the poor.

Two Types of Cooperatives

Consumer co-ops are customer-owned businesses. There are a variety of them thriving in North America today. There are co-op grocery stores, apartment buildings, and banks (called credit unions), as well as insurance, tourism, education, and utilities co-ops.

There are also producer's cooperatives, in which workers rather than customers own the business. For example, agricultural and fishing co-ops are owned by groups of producers across the USA and Canada to market their products.

The cooperative movement's emphasis on worker and consumer ownership, economic democracy, and decentralism has distinct advantages over both capitalism and state-owned enterprises.

Mondragon

The Mondragon Industrial Cooperatives of Spain have around 22,000 workers who own and democratically manage over 100 different production enterprises. They include large factories such as steel plants and those that produce automobile parts. They have their own social security system, health care program, credit unions, consumer cooperatives, a development bank, research institutes, schools, and a university. The worker cooperative network averages 12% higher productivity than the comparable private sector in Spain. Absenteeism has been significantly lower than in the Spanish private sector. It has been clearly shown that when workers become owners, there is a big change in attitude. A transformation of consciousness. Working conditions are improved, and motivation and work efficiency go way up. When people have a sense of genuine ownership, they tend to take better care of things.

Technological innovation, for example, is seen very differently in cooperatives than in capitalist enterprise. For workers under capitalism, automation and modernization in production is usually bad news: layoffs, unemployment, and poverty. In Mondragon, innovation allows workers to choose new jobs. Because of the student's allowance during the retraining period, they lose **no** income.

In the case of capitalist ownership, profits are the primary thing: the "bottom line". Owners and CEO's seek to maximize profits no matter what it takes. They will pay the lowest wages they can get workers to accept. They will use unsafe production methods. They will produce unsafe products and pollute the environment. They will flood the market with their goods, and then happily lay off the workers who produced that flood when the inevitable recession comes. Or damage communities when they decide to lay off workers in favor of cheaper overseas labor. They use the wealth gained by such practices to exert influence over the political process and subvert democracy to gain even more wealth.

What's the Difference?

What, exactly, is the difference between a cooperative and a corporation? There's a **big** difference. First, in a corporation, the more shares you purchase, the more votes you have. It is a hierarchical, totalitarian-command structure in which those with the most money have the most power. Absentee-ownership is the norm.

Cooperatives normally are run, and decisions are made, by member-owners who have a stake in the community. Its where they live. Their projects are targeted toward community-based social and economic improvement and environmental concerns, cost-effectiveness rather than profit maximizing. Decisions that would have a negative impact upon the community and resource base are much less likely to be made. Cooperatives are sustainable. They promote **very** different ways of thinking than do corporations.

As David Ross and Peter Usher, in their book "From the Roots Up", published by James Lorimer Press in 1986, wrote:

"Cooperatives do what they do because they enjoy it, they find their major reward in serving people rather than amassing sums of money...their financial accounts are open to the community they serve...and they manage to retain a social accounting rationale in spite of commercial pressures."

Under state ownership, on the other hand, unelected managers, bureaucrats, and planners often act like "state capitalists", caring only for their own well-being, comfort, and material prosperity, while permitting corruption, inefficiency, waste, unsafe working conditions, and ecological harm. When the poor performance of the system can no longer be ignored, mass lay-offs are the short-sighted response. This happened at the government-owned coal mines in Britain under the conservative regime of Margaret Thatcher, and in the French auto industry under the social-democratic government of Francois Mitterrand.

In "communist" countries, state ownership promoted rapid industrialization and dramatically raised standards of living, but, primarily due to the aggression of capitalist countries and the ruinous arms race, the state often failed to produce the goods and services that the people considered highest priority.

Neither capitalism nor state ownership seems a terribly inspiring model for the future. In either system, some limited participation by workers is possible. But **genuine** economic democracy is unlikely to evolve under such systems. Owners, managers, and bureaucrats know they would lose power and privilege if the economy was made truly democratic.

Cooperatives, by giving power directly to workers and consumers rather than to unelected bosses and managers, expand democracy. By extending democracy to the most fundamental sphere of human activity - our work - we can democratize our lives and society in significant ways. A society rooted in democratic practice on a daily basis at the workplace is a society less likely to tolerate governmental abuse of civil rights. An economy based on co-ops would reinforce political democracy.

Some argue that the whole of society should own and control the economy, rather than small groups of workers who naturally have their own interests. But in state-owned enterprises, it is the bureaucrats who end up doing the controlling - and they can have their own interests too. To prevent the concentrations of power that so often lead to abuse, the safest course is to decentralize power as much as possible. This can be accomplished by creating a network of small and medium-sized cooperatives. In other words, we seek to put power directly into the hands of the working class, rather than "leading" them as if we knew their needs better than they did.

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Without the independence of businesses, worker-owned or not, there is no possibility of consumer choice between products - a common failure in centralized command economies.

State-owned enterprises have an additional disadvantage: looking at the Eastern European experience, we can see that they are easily privatized and sold back to capitalists whenever conservatives win an election and/or come to power. Cooperatives, as a rule, are more sustainable. Selling them off to private capitalists has proven much more difficult and complicated than selling off state-owned property. Cooperatives have proven to be a better defense against counter-revolution.

Socialists differ from anarchists in that we see a need for some governmental regulation, particularly in defense of civil rights, public and occupational safety, and environmental protection.

There will also be a need for governmental involvement in promoting and coordinating sustainable economic development and full employment, like public works projects to rebuild the infrastructure now being ruined by capitalism. But there is **no** need, nor will Americans ever accept, a centralized system which dictates to workers and consumers what to make, how to make it, and what they can or cannot buy. Cooperatives are not only the most successful form of socialism, they are quite likely the *only* form that the American people will ever accept.

"But how would we prevent bribery of government officials to overlook pollution and exploitation?" Power corrupts. The best prevention

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Who Is Ralph Nader?

Greg Hohnholt

This short biographical sketch of Ralph Nader is provided for those WIP readers who are considering voting for him and the Green Party ticket in November. It is by no means comprehensive; it is merely intended to introduce Mr. Nader's life and times to those who may have lost track of his pro-democratic, anti-corporate stances since his hey day in the '60s.

•1934-51 Born the youngest of four children to Nathra and Rose Nader on February 27 in Winsted, Connecticut. During his childhood, the young Nader is asked regularly by his parents after school, "Did you believe what you were told in school today, or did you question?" While in high school, Nader's real education comes from talking with the wide variety of customers coming into his parents' restaurant while working behind the counter.

•1951-5 Attends and graduates from Princeton University, NJ. Nader chooses Princeton because of its strong Oriental languages department, and he attains a fair mastery of Russian, Spanish, and Chinese. In his junior year, he travels to Europe to study agriculture, and during his summer vacations he visits American Indian reservations in New Mexico, Arizona, and California, later writing about Native American oppression in a college term paper. He also hitchhikes extensively, later remarking that "...outside of my father's restaurant it was the greatest education in the world."

•1955-8 Attends and graduates from Harvard Law School. Nader finds his new surroundings stuffy and oppressive, and often cuts classes. He channels most of his energy instead into hitchhiking and attempting, with limited success, to transform the Harvard Law School *Record* into an investigative journal exposing the plight of migrant workers and Native Americans.

Also during this period, Nader witnesses an auto accident where a child is decapitated when she is thrown forward against an open glove compartment door, spurring his subsequent interest in auto safety. He also serves for a short time in the army as an assistant cook.

•1958-64 Opens a law office in Connecticut, but supports himself mainly through writing magazine articles and teaching. He also travels extensively and advocates for the creation of ombudsmen in California and Hawaii.

•1964-65 Works with then Assistant Secretary of Labor Daniel P. Moynihan as a consultant to the House Conference on Auto Safety. Publishes *Unsafe at Any Speed*, a best-selling book exposing the dangers of General Motors' Corvair model and advocating for mandatory seat belts and other auto safety regulations. GM, in response, begins covertly investigating Nader.

•1966 The National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act is signed into law by President Lyndon Johnson. GM president James Roche makes a public apology for investigating Nader.

•1967-70 "Nader's Raiders" become well-known for their many well-researched investigations, including: racist X-rays (it was believed blacks had thicker skin and harder bones and needed higher doses), second hand smoke on airplanes, and a full-scale study of the Federal Trade Commission, which prompted President Nixon to hire Caspar Weinberger to reorganize the FTC. Also, the Raiders get legislation passed on a variety of consumer and worker safety issues. Nader fails, however, to get Congress to establish a Consumer Protection Agency.

•1970-74 Nader and David Ross co-found the Public Interest Research Group (PIRG). Nader's think tank, The Center of the Study of Responsive Law, opens in Washington, D.C. to continue the work of the original Raiders. Nader and his associates attempt to investigate all 480 members of Congress, a huge undertaking that is a qualified failure. Still, Nader is at the height of his popularity and gets many reforms passed and consumer advocacy books published.

•1974-80 Nader's popularity comes under scrutiny as the U.S. shifts to the right. *Nader and Me: Is Nader Safe for America?* , written by a Nader associate David Sanford, is published. Sanford, fearing that Nader would run for president, portrayed Nader as a somewhat hypocritical, driven figure, in that he possessed a fair share of the arrogance that was the hallmark of Nader's corporate and bureaucratic nemeses. Rumors abound about Nader's secretive, monk-like existence, all to be hotly denied by Nader. Carter becomes president in 1976, and takes a pro-nuclear energy stand that Nader strongly objects to without much success. In 1978, Nader complains that advertisers are keeping him off Tom Snyder's "Tomorrow" talk show, and Snyder replies "Nader is yesterday's news; he's boring; he doesn't have a sense of humor...and I don't want him on the program." In October of 1980, Nader resigns as president of Public Citizen, the organization that funded most of his groups, and leaves Washington to look for grass-roots support.

•1980-85 Reagan elected president, and the march of deregulation begins as the public perceives Nader's restrictions on corporations as contributing to inflation, higher prices, and a lackluster economy. Reagan cuts the budgets of the FTC, the EPA, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, and the Consumer Product Safety Commission among others, and deregulates the savings-and-loan industry, eventually costing the U.S. taxpayer about $500 billion over the next thirty years. Nader goes on an exhausting speaking tour to advocate for more citizen control of the economy to stop Reagan.

•1986 Nader contracts Bell's palsey, a nerve disease that temporarily paralysed the left side of his face. His brother Shafeek dies of prostate cancer, and Nader returns to Winsted to grieve and recuperate.

•1988 Nader's comeback begins. Auto insurance reform in California (Prop. 103) passes despite $70 million industry ad campaign; insurance rates rolled back 20% or more. Nader proposes consumer monitoring of savings-and-loans to Congress; while it is not adopted, Nader has better luck with fighting a 51% pay increase for members of Congress.

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•1995 Nader agrees to run for the California Green Party presidential primary. Quote: "I intend to stand with others around the country as a catalyst for the creation of a new model of electoral politics, not to run any campaign. The campaign will be run by the people thenselves and will be just as serious as citizens choose to make it."

•1996 Nader threatens Clinton's much-needed win of California as his grass-roots campaign begins to take off. Nader is particularly critical of President Clinton's signing of a bill that repealed the national speed limit of 55 miles per hour. The Green Party, due to its association with Nader, receives unprecedented media attention while some Greenssupporters are split over Nader's non-stance on the California Civil Rights Initiative (CCRI), an anti-affirmative action referendum. ◆

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and defense against corruption is a democracy with the widest and most vigilant participation possible. Power must be exercised by a free people through their own independent associations, unions, and cooperatives.

All things considered, we think a socialist revolution would greatly improve the economy of this country in the long run. But we don't have to wait for the revolution: you can begin by building a socialist economy right now! Cooperatives are the embryo of the new society within the shell of the old. Seek out a local co-op or credit union, join it & support it. Shop at the Olympia Food Co-Op!

You can also support political candidates who have pledged to replace capitalism with cooperation. We can't outlaw selfishness, but we can do our level best to make sure it isn't the guiding principle of government!

The Socialist Party USA stands for economic and political democracy. If you agree that America needs both, join us!

The SPUSA is organized into state branches, from coast to coast.

The SP of Washington may be contacted at: P.O. Box 31021, Seattle, WA 98103.

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La Realidad, America, April 4th, 1996

Message from the EZLN during the inaugural ceremony of the American Gathering of the Intercontinental Meeting for Humanity and Against

From the mountains of the Mexican Southeast Subcommander Insurgent Marcos

From La Realidad Americana, April, 1996

The government began an offensive against the Indigenous communities of the Lacandón Jungle and arrested dozens of Mexicans in several locations of the country. It accused them of "terrorism" and exhibited as proof a "terrible" arsenal: paper bombs and some old weapons. While in the press the government congratulated itself for having recovered its "national sovereignty", in the Lacandón Jungle Swiss planes bombarded the communities' surroundings, North American helicopters machine-gunned the mountain, French tanks occupied the homes of the Indians who were fleeing into the jungle, Spanish policemen interrogated suspects, and North American military advisors checked very carefully an artifact which might contain some dangerous military device. This artifact traveled all the way to the Pentagon and was checked by means of the most advanced and modern devices of military technology.

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Welcome to La Realidad ("Reality"). Our special thanks to the men, women, and children of La Realidad who are the ones who have given us permission and have supported us to bring about this planning meeting in their community. I want to ask everyone that, together, we greet our Indigenous brothers of La Realidad.

We welcome the brothers and sisters of the delegations from Canada, the U.S., Mexico, Guatemala, Costa Rica, Venezuela, Puerto Rico, Ecuador, Brasil, Peru, Chile, Uruguay, and Argentina. We welcome the observers from France, Germany, and Spain. We welcome the Mexican brothers and sisters from the Organizing Commission. Our thanks and greetings for an effort which takes shape today.

We want to thank all of you for having accepted our invitation to this planning meeting and the effort you have made to travel from your countries to the Lacandon Jungle.

Hideout of law transgressors, and dignified corner of America, the Lacandon Jungle has already been visited by diverse representations from your countries' governments. We have been visited by bomber planes, armed helicopters, war tanks, spy satellites, military advisors and agents, some secret, and some not so secret, from all the spying organizations of several countries. All of these visitors have a common objective: assassination and robbery. The most sophisticated and modern war technology is set forth against the wooden weapons, the broken feet, and the ancestral philosophy of the Zapatistas, which declares, without shame or fear that the place of knowledge, truth, and speech is in the heart. Modern death against ancestral life. Neoliberalism against Zapatism. Why do they fear us? Why so much death for so few and so small a group? Because we have defied them, and the worst part about defiance is that it becomes an example.

On April 3rd, 1911, those citizens of the Americas named Ricardo and

Cecilia Rodriguez at a human rights march in Chiapas

Enrique Flores Magón wrote: "Compañeros, think well, keep on going, and work, without wasting time, before your help arrives too late. Try to imagine the danger under which we have to confront every government in the world, who see in the Mexican movement the appearance of social revolution, the only one the governments of the world fear."

Today, 85 years after, history repeats itself. In the past death only

came to visit dressed as illness and misery, today it comes also with an olive green uniform, with lead and war machines. All of this signs announce destruction. A true armed multinational force persecutes us, and tries to destroy our example. The powerful of the world are bothered by our existence and honor us with their threat. They are right. The Zapatista defiance is a world defiance. We never pretended it to be so, we never imagined it. But given that role, we will be as uncomfortable as possible. A world system makes it possible for crime to become government in Mexico. A national system makes it possible for crime to rule in Chiapas. Struggling in the mountains of the Mexican Southeast, we struggle for Mexico, for humanity, and against neoliberalism. That is why the world's power persecutes us, jails us, murders us, that is why it wants to destroy us.

After the visit of these foretellers of death, it is an honor for us to receive your visit, the visit of those who struggle for life and for humanity in the American Continent. We are sure that the trip to La Realidad has not been easy. "Reality" has never been easy, but it is well worth reaching. The trip to La Realidad is a journey towards suffering, but also towards hope.

Several thoughts from several nations are summoned today at "La Realidad". They are called together, not because of their nationality, not because of their sex or color, not because of their culture or their language. Only one thing has summoned us, the struggle in favor of humanity and against neoliberalism.

80 years ago, in 1916, General Emiliano Zapata dreamt that life and thought could be free if a new reality was built. Those in power then dreamt his destruction.

Today, on the desks of the great Mexican and U.S. generals there exist diverse plans, complicated military operations, and 77 different types of life threats, one for each year which has elapsed since Emiliano Zapata's assassination. And all those plans have as their objective the destruction of La Realidad.

Why? because they have discovered that in La Realidad human beings, that is to say, dignified human beings live, and power cannot tolerate human beings to live.

That is the enemy facing us, persecuting us, murdering us, jailing us, raping us, humiliating us. A power which seeks to bring about the absurd notion of destroying La Realidad.

That is what they seek...They, those who concentrate crime and wealth in power, transforming them in Siamese twins getting hold of the latter through the exercise of the former. They, those who in power monopolize the future and announce it exclusive of everything that does not convert itself into an accomplice or a victim. They, those who in the exercise of power forget that by accumulating power they accumulate fear. They want to destroy La Realidad because today in La Realidad there are human beings, and the sole existence of human beings is already a defiance that can be turned into an example.

We, all of us who nourish the heart and the word with the bitter bread of hope. We, those who see in the past a lesson and not a nuisance, those who turn towards yesterday to learn and not to repent. We, those who look at the future as something which is built in the present, those who aspire to a tomorrow with everyone. We, those who balance fear with shame, prudence with courage, and indifference with memory. We, the human beings who exist, that is to say, who defy power, We want to transform La Realidad, to change her into something better, into something new, into something good. That is the fight for La Realidad.

Some want to build it, and some want to destroy it.

They through the absurdity of denying it through oblivion, destruction and death.

We, through the absurdity of building it again by means of history, creativity, and life.

That is the dilemma upon which we came to think and to begin to decide, the dilemma of La Realidad. This is the definite and fundamental theme in favor of humanity and against neoliberalism. La Realidad: The dilemma of its transformation or its destruction.

In order to solve that dilemma, we have to face a very powerful enemy, power dressed in the costume of neoliberalism. Its crimes recognize no borders, they represent the globalization of despair.

Planning Neoliberalism

Neoliberalism offers us a new world doctrine: Surrender and indifference as the only means of inclusion, death and oblivion as the only future for those excluded, that is to say, for the majority. Stupidity and arrogance turned government in the nations of the world. Crime and impunity as the highest law. Robbery and corruption as the main industry. Assassination as the source of legitimacy. Lying as the supreme god. Prison and grave for those others who are not accomplices. War always. That is neoliberalism. But its power is also based on our weaknesses. To our lack of alternative proposals, they offer the continuation of the nightmare.

We have to go beyond lamentations and propose new ways.

We did not invite you to add complaints. We did not call on you to embody our misfortunes. We did not summon you to give a continental dimension to our nightmare.

We invited you to multiply our hopes. We called upon you to lessen hardships. We summoned you to give hope a continental dimension. Let not the grotesque and terrible image of the enemy we face dull the mirror which is needed to look at our own road. Let us not hide within ourselves arbitrariness and laziness, covering them up under the daily crime of a world order which turns into dust history, nations, and individuals. Let us not offer a new nightmare of a different sign. Let not the location of the evermore complicated political geometry, which multiplies centers and extremes to the infinite, signify impunity for the errors committed nor the "changing of the guard" of dogmas in our thoughts.

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Today, here, in La Realidad, we must set apart a place for memory, for history, for that mirror which reminds us who we were, shows us what we are and promises what we may become...

30 years ago, in 1966, after having been nowhere, a man prepared the memory and the hope so that life would return to America. Ramón was then his nom-de-guerre. In one of the many corners of the American Reality (La Realidad), this man was remembering, and in his memories lived all the men and women who lived and died for the life of America. His name and his memory were buried by the reiterated grave diggers of history. For some, his first name is Ernesto and his last names Guevara de la Serna. For us he was, and is El Che.

In Punta del Este he denounced the politics of power which, from the offices of the World Bank, proposed the building of latrines as a solution to the grave conditions of misery of the countries of America. Since then, poverty in America has developed at the same rate at which its wealth has been plundered by the rich of always. The "Latrinocracy" also evolved but only in name. In one of the American countries it took up the name of "solidaridad". Nevertheless, in spite of the nominal mirages, the basic functioning of the "latrinocracy" keeps on being the same: today, as yesterday, the poor's place is at the bottom of the latrine while the rich get to sit on top.

His criticism of power was not translated into the acceptance of one's own deficiencies and into the acceptance of a system. Criticizing that the same logic was applied against those in power, barely disguised under a new surname, he wrote in 1964: "I do not pretend to have exhausted the topic and much less established the papal amen over these and other contradictions. Unfortunately, a system's apologetics reaches the eyes of the majority of our people, and my own eyes, before its scientific analysis."

Citizen of the world, Che recalls what we already knew since the times of Spartacus, and which we often forget: humanity finds in its fight against injustice a step which elevates it, which makes it better, which turns it more human.

Sometime later memory and hope held his hand to write in his farewell letter: "One day they came in asking who should be notified in case of death and the real possibility of that fact struck us all. Later we learned that it was true, that in a revolution one triumphs or dies (if it's a true revolution). (...)Other lands in the world call for my modest efforts." And then the Che continued on his journey.

When he said goodbye, in order to say "'til later", Che used to say "Until victory always" as someone would say " see you in a while".

30 years later, during one of those dawns when the moon recovers pieces of light that the monthly bite of time snatches from her and a comet disguised as a flashlight stands its useless guard at night's entrance, I have looked for some text upon which to support the initial words to this gathering. I have gone from Pablo Neruda to Julio Cortázar to Walt Whitman to Juan Rulfo. It was useless, time and again the image of Che dreaming in the school at La Higuera claimed its place between my hands. From Bolivia come those half closed eyes and that ironical smile saying what had happened and promising what would happen.

Have I said "dreaming? Should I have said "dead"? For some he died, for others he fell asleep. Who is wrong? 30 years ago Che was preparing the transformation of American Reality (La Realidad) and those in power prepared its destruction. 29 years ago, those in power told us that history was over at the El Yuro mountain pass. They said that the possibility of a different reality, better, was destroyed. They said that rebellion was over.

Is it over?

A fast glance at these last days' press might help us answer that question:

During the last days of March several protest meetings against current economic and privatizing policies which are going on throughout the continent are reported. Neoliberalism faces resistance and rebelliousness. There are millions who ignore that history, and with it dignity, ended.

On March 28, the international agencies Afp, Dpa, Efe, and Ansa informed that in La Paz, Cochabamba, and Santa Cruz, in Bolivia, thousands of people marched demanding raises in salary, and against the privatization of the Fiscal Bolivian oil fields. In Cochabamba the police detained 250 hunger strikers, most of them elderly, who were protesting for the same reason. Old rebel men. Long live America! The same day, but in Paraguay, the workers began a general strike demanding a salary increase of 31% and called for a referendum on the privatizations. The democratization of the decisions opposes the imposition of economic measures...and of educational measures...During those days more than five thousand Brazilian students were repressed by the police while protesting against the education policies of president Fernando Henrique Cardoso.

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In Chile, thousands of farmers blocked the southern highways in protest against Chile's imminent inclusion in the South's Common Market (Mercosur), which will result in the unemployment of more than 800,000 farmers. The severe economic adjustment which is growing nearer in Venezuela has already sprung a "pots and pans" movement and a growing social discontent. Global economy, modern crime, have met with resistance among the clients of the death who sells.

Hundreds of street vendors faced the Peruvian police when they sought to expel them from the center of Lima. There were more than 20 wounded. In order not to become criminals, some of America's poor try out the mini-micro-business. It's useless, for neoliberalism, any earnings that do not come from theft and despoiling is "illegal". In America the innocent fill the prisons, and those who are guilty the governments' seats.

Antiriot police forces repressed thousands of Costaricans in the city of Santa Ana who were protesting against the installation of a garbage dump. More than one thousand tons of garbage a day that neoliberalism throws atop Costarica's people, but it won't be done without punishment. America's entrails also protest. Simultaneous to the announcement of the increase of the aggregate value tax, a 5.7 in the Richter scale quake shook the city of Quito, Ecuador.

All this took place in only 2 days...30 years later. Has rebellion stopped?

30 years ago Che dreamed and repeated the dream of a transformed, new, better reality. The dream of rebellion. That dream crossed over time and the mountains of the Mexican Southeast. The dream that summons us together today is one of rupture and continuity with that dream of Che Guevara, just as his dream was one of rupture and continuity with that other dream which kept awake at night equally Simón Bolívar and Manuelita Saenz. In 1816, Simón Bolívar and Manuelita Saenz kept awake the dream of a unified America. The history sold by those in power tells us that the fertile insomnia which liberated Colombia, Venezuela, Ecuador, Perú, and Bolivia was truncated years later by borders which with its walls fragmented Bolívar's dream. Was it truncated? In 1826, Bolívar conceives the first hemispheric conference of America, the Panama Congress. Today, 170 years later and in the American La Realidad, the dream proposed by Bolívar begins again.

Crystal and mirror, the dream of a better America makes itself comfortable as best it can in order to dream in La Realidad.

And the intellectual madmen of this delirium which summons us, the madmen who dared to dream our hope before us are: Manuelita Saenz, Simón Bolívar, Ricardo and Enrique Flores Magón, Emiliano Zapata, and Che Guevara.

180 years, 85 years, 80 years, 30 years later, we are and are not the same.

We are the end, the continuation and the beginning.

We are the mirror which is a crystal which is a mirror which is a crystal.

We are rebelliousness.

We are the stubborn history which repeats itself in order to no longer repeat itself, the looking behind in order to be able to walk forward.

We are neoliberalism's maximum defiance, the most beautiful absurdity, the most irreverent delirium, the most human madness.

We are human beings doing what must be done in La Realidad, that is to say, dreaming.

But it just occurred to me that what is more important to dream in La Realidad is to know what is ending, what continues, and especially what is beginning...

180 years after Bolívar and Manuelita's sleepless nights, 85 years after Flores Magón's prophecy, 80 years after Emiliano Zapata's dream, 330 years after Che's dream dreaming the sleeplessness of all true and honest Americans, today, April 4, 1996, in the American La Realidad, in the name of the Zapatista Army of National Liberation I declare formally inaugurated the American planning meeting of the Intercontinental Encounter for Humanity and against Neoliberalism, at (...) Southeastern time.

Brothers and sisters of America:

The great world power has not yet found the weapon to destroy dreams. As long as it doesn't find it, we will keep on dreaming, that is to say we will keep on triumphing...

Welcome, brothers and sisters of America. Here in La Realidad we finish, we continue, we begin...the dream. And this is our dream...

For all of America! Democracy! Liberty! Justice!

Taken from the April 6, 1996 issue of the Mexican daily La Jornada. Translation draft: Monique J. Lemaitre. ◆

Israel's Self-Defeating Policy in Lebanon

Stephen Zunes

Through its massive attacks on Lebanon, Israel is resorting to the same tactics as its Hizbullah enemy: to terrorize innocent civilians in order to influence government policy. Just as the shelling of Israel by the Islamic extremists of Lebanon has only hardened the attitude of the Israeli government, however, so will these Israeli attacks make it even more difficult for Lebanon and Syria to compromise further with the Jewish state.

The Clinton Administration, rather than denouncing the aggressive and criminal attacks by both sides against each others' civilian populations, has essentially endorsed Israel's devastating bombing campaign. Such an attitude will severely weaken the credibility of the United States as an honest broker in the peace process.

Israel first seized control of southern Lebanon in 1978, following a bloody attack by Palestinian commandoes on the Israeli coast. With the assistance of a right-wing Lebanese militia — which has essentially evolved into a foreign regiment of the Israeli army — Israel has controlled a 6 to 12-mile strip of Lebanon along its northern border ever since.

In recent years, Israeli occupation forces and their Lebanese allies have been engaged in sporadic fighting with the radical Hizbullah movement. The fighters are composed mostly of Shiite Muslims native to the farming villages adjacent to the Israeli-held territory. Even those who do not agree with the militia's fundamentalist ideology see them as freedom fighters, trying to liberate their country from a foreign military occupation.

Islamic extremists were never much of a factor in Lebanon until after the 1982 Israeli invasion, when more moderate Islamic and secular groups were largely destroyed.

It is from the hundreds of thousands of Lebanese Shiites who fled north from previous Israeli attacks into the slums of the greater Beirut where Hizbullah receives the core of its support.

This fundamentalist movement, which was responsible for the kidnapping of several Americans and other Westerners in the 1980s, has come from nowhere a little more than a decade ago to become one of Lebanon's most powerful political groupings. Hizbullah is not just anti-occupation, but anti-Israel.

However, there is little question that their popular support would lessen considerably as soon as the Israelis withdrew and that Lebanese and Syrian authorities would disarm them, as they have other militias.

The United Nations peace keeping force which is supposed to separate the sides has been largely impotent. These U.N. forces say they could do a better job in controlling Hizbullah attacks against Israel if they would be allowed to fulfill their mandate to patrol all the way to the Israeli border, but Israel refuses to cooperate. Indeed, U.N. Security Council Resolution 425 and nine subsequent unanimous votes have called on Israel to withdraw from all Lebanese territory unconditionally. As with many other such decisions by the world body, however, Israel has chosen to ignore

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National Association of Arab AmericansCondemns Israeli Attacks on Lebanon

President Clinton Urged to Stop Escalation of Violence

The National Association of Arab Americans (NAAA) today condemned, in the strongest possible terms, Israel's continuing onslaught on Lebanon. Israeli military strikes have resulted in more than 200,000 refugees and killed and wounded scores of innocent civilians, including children. NAAA President Khalil E. Jahshan said that "whatever provocations Israel may cite to Justify its military campaign in Lebanon. there can be no Justification for the vicious attacks on civilian targets that it has been carrying out."

In a letter to President Bill Clinton. Jahshan noted a "lack of balance" by the Administration in its reaction to the Israeli military actions in Lebanon. The Administration has unhesitatingly condemned attacks on Israeli soldiers in occupied Lebanon and on civilians in northern Israel, Jahshan said, but its failure to condemn Israeli excesses in Lebanon has left the unfortunate impression that it condones them. "We believe, Mr. President, that the life of a child killed in South Lebanon, Nablus, or Gaza is every bit as precious as that of a child killed in Ashkelon. Jerusalem, or Tel Aviv," Jahshan stressed.

Jahshan suggested that domestic pressures generated by the election process in Israel were propelling Prime Minister Shimon Peres to "put his political future ahead of the peace process, negotiated agreements and international law." Unjustified US support for Israeli actions, Jahshan said: "Whether it be the collective punishment imposed on Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza or the military campaign in Lebanon, does not further the cause of peace."

Jahshan urged the President to do all in his power to convince Israel to "cease the escalation of violence in Lebanon immediately and to return expeditiously to serious negotiations that will end the cycle of violence once and for all." He also urged the Administration to cooperate with all concerned parties in the context of the UN Security Council to bring about the cessation of the conflict In South Lebanon.

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JCOME condemns Israeli actions in Lebanon. Furthermore JCOME believes the Israelis are involved in a gross campaign of disinformation and deception regarding their actual policies and motives, both in regard to the Palestinians as well as in Lebanon. This afternoon the Israeli Army Chief of Staff said there have been "no mistakes on Israel's part" and Prime Minister Shimon Peres blamed Lebanon and Hizballah for what Israel is doing claiming Israel's policies of gross collective punishment are justifiable.

These Israeli attitudes, coupled with Israeli policies are totally unacceptable. Furthermore, the complicity of the United States government, especially the Clinton Administration, in arming and encouraging the Israelis should be of growing concern to all Americans.

It should not be forgotten that Hizballah was created in the aftermath of Israel's terrible destruction of Lebanon in 1982— during which tens of thousands of people were killed and terrible massacres comparable to war crimes occurred with clear Israeli complicity and knowledge.

Israel's occupation of parts of Lebanon ever since has created the conditions for Hizballah's growth and support in opposing Israel's occupation.

JCOME believes Israel should immediately suspend all military operations in Lebanon and should immediately agree to fully withdraw from all Lebanese territory as a precondition for serious negotiations with Lebanon, Syria, and Hizballah.

JCOME further believes that Israel should stop its policies of attempting to put Palestinians on reservations in the name of peace and publicly accept Palestinian Statehood in all the areas of the West Bank, Gaza Strip and East Jerusalem.

Since 1988 JCOME has supported full Palestinian Statehood in all of the territories occupied by Israel including East Jerusalem, and full Israeli withdrawal from Lebanon to the recognized international border. JCOME helps produce and distribute the unique weekly TV Program "Mid-East Realities" showing on all cable systems in theWashington area and regular MER information on the Internet.

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Activists protesting U.S. support of Israel agression in Lebanon, April 22nd at the Seattle Federal Building. To get involved locally call TESC Middle East Resource Center at 866-6000.

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it. The United States — quick to impose sanctions when an Arab adversary violates Security Council resolutions — has blocked similar U.N. actions against Israel and continues to supply unconditional military and economic support for the occupation.

With the Clinton Administration rendering the U.N. ineffective, the Lebanese government — whose foreign affairs are largely dictated by Syria — is left only with the hope of negotiating an Israeli withdrawal through the U.S.-brokered peace talks. The stalemate between Syria and Israel on the future of the Israeli-occupied portions of Syria, however, has placed the fate of Israeli-occupied Lebanon on the back burner.

This has left the Hizbullah as the only entity effectively challenging the Israeli occupation. Initial reports indicate that Hizbullah's support from the Lebanese population has grown even further as a result of the recent fighting.

Until the recent confrontation, almost all of the Hizbullah attacks against Israelis had been against Israeli soldiers in occupied Lebanon, not civilians in Israel itself. It is thus the so-called "security zone" in which Israelis are most vulnerable.

As casualties mount, increasing numbers of Israelis have called on their government to negotiate a total withdrawal replaced by an enhanced United Nations presence and a sizable demilitarized zone. The Lebanese appear willing to cooperate.

So far, however, the government of Shimon Peres has shown little interest in such a settlement, preferring once again to try to resolve the situation through military force. Once again, they will fail. Israel's true friends must insist on a new policy which will end the cycle of violence and genuinely address that country's real security needs.

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ONGOING MEETINGS & EVENTS

Olympia Movement for Justice and Peace
Tuesdays, May 7th & 21st
7pm at Liberation Cafe
Call 956-1771 for information

Support for Women's Clinic and Choice
Thursdays 8:30 am - 3 pm
1100 Eastside Street NE
Jane: An Abortion Service
Thursday, May 2nd 8pm
Capitol Theater
Benefit for Eastside Women's Health Clinic. Filmmaker in person to present the film.

Olympia FOR Monthly Speaker Series
Third Sunday of Month
Thurston County Courthouse Building 1
Call 491-9093 for info.

Hands Off Washington
General Meeting
Last Tuesday of Month
United Churches • Capital & 11th
Call 786-6608 for info

Food Not Bombs
serves free organic vegetarian food
Sundays, 1pm @ Bread & Roses
Friday evenings in downtown

Permaculture Guild
First Wednesday of Month
6:30 - 8:30pm
2715 15th Ave. SE, Olympia
Info: 352-6509

PFLAG (Parents & Friends of Lesbians And Gays)
2pm Second Sunday
Gathering Place of First Methodist Church
1224 Legion Way SE
Call for info: 866-0511

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May Day Festival '96

Wednesday, May 1st

Grand Opening of the Liberation Cafe'
Potluck, Music, Video, Forum
116 4th Ave
2nd Floor Bulldog News

Open House, Potluck, and Music
5 - 7pm
Visit the space, meet someone new, or hang out with old friends.
Music by local faves Betsy Price and Rene Bressieux

Video: "Haymarket" 7 -7:30pm

Forum: "Oppression and Resistance of Working People: Locally, Nationally, and Globally" 7:30 - 9:30pm
Featuring: Ron Roberts, President, Carpenters 1048; Blanca Rodriguez, United Farm Workers of Washington; Patrice Roberts, co-chair Pierce Co. Jobs with Justice; Peter Bohmer, Olympia Movement for Justice and Peace; Clint Burleson, American Postal Workers Union, emcee

Friday, May 3rd

Fire Your Boss: A Hands-on Workshop for Uppity Workers
7 - 9 pm
The Midnight Sun
113 N. Columbia
This skill-sharing session, brought to you by the Olympia Industrial Workers of the World (IWW or "Wobblies"), reveals ancient mysteries about the art of workplace organizing. Learn ten easy direct action tactics that will get you what you want at work. Methods taught include the Sick-In, the Work-to-Rule, and Monkeywrenching. You don't need a law degree to fight back against the boss.

Saturday, May 4th

Folk Goddess Jano Brindisi
7:30pm at the Midnight Sun
113 Columbia, Olympia
Performing songwriter Jano Brindisi makes a rare northwest appearance swift on the heels of her recent Waterbug release *Certain Things*. Jano won the Napa Valley Music Festival's 1995 "Emerging Songwriter Award," and BAM Magazine said "every one of her tunes is a knockout." Opening the show is Olympia singer/songwriter Jess Grant of Centralia 19.

Advance tickets available at Rainy Day Records on the westside and Old School Pizza on the eastside for $6. Tickets $7 the night of the show. A collaboration of May Day Festival '96 and the Olympia Live Music Society.

Sunday, May 5th

Food Not Bombs Hosts Community Picnic
1pm in Sylvester Park
Join in a free and frolicking outdoor festival of food as revelers celebrate the fertile circle that is our community of resistance. Free food and free speech, rain or shine.

Northwest International Lesbian & Gay Film Festival
May 3-5
TESC & Capitol Theater
pick up program guides around town or call 866-6000 x6542

In the Spirit of Crazy Horse
March and Rally for Justice for Leonard Peltier

May 11, 1996
12:00 Noon Rally
Sylvester Park
downtown Olympia
info: 360-943-3274

May 18, 1996
12:00 Noon March
Seattly Federal BLDG
2nd & Marion
downtown Seattle
1pm Rally
Pike Place Market
Northwest End
info: 206-325-2952

First Annual Asian Pacific Leadership Conference

Meeting the Challenge: *Empowering Asian Pacific Islanders Now*

Saturday, May 11, 1996 South Seattle Com. College 8am - 7:30pm

Speakers: **Vivian Luna**, *Director, City of Seattle Office of Women's Rights*
David J. Della, *Director, Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs*
Maria Batayola, *co-chair, Asian Pacific Women's Caucus*

Asian Pacific Heritage Celebration
Includes dinner, awards ceremony, and community entertainment

Topics:
Enhancing Individual Leadership in Your Field of Interest
Arts & Humanities, Business, Civil & Workers' Rights, Education, Health & Human Services, Journalism, Legal & Criminal Justice, Spiritual Leadership, Politics & Government

Providing Leadership and Action Planning on Community Issues
Affirmative Action, Civil Rights, Asian Pacific Women's Issues, Coalition Building & Inter-Group Relations, Entrepreneurialship & Economic Development, Health & Human Services, Immigration, Voter Registration, Citizenship, Youth & Family Issues.

Registration: $80 (includes workshops, meals and reception)
Please enclose check payable to CAPAA for Asian Pacific Leadership Conference to CAPAA, 501 South Jackson, #301, Seattle, WA 98104 (206) 464-5820; fax (206) 464-5821.

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"Our aim is to confront injustice and encourage a participatory democracy based on economic, social, and environmental justice. Works In Progress is dedicated to providing a voice for those most affected by the exclusionary and unfair practices that seek to silence the oppressed."

This mission was crafted by Workers In Progress to renew the sense of purpose and to provide a concise sense of our reason for existence to our readers, advertisers, opponents, and friends. In addition to a new mission, discussion was held on the development of a Works In Progress news magazine produced for TCTV, Channel 3, increasing the number of representatives to handle advertisements, and distribution of the paper.

Teresa Jennings

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